March 17, 2022

Senator Jessica Ramos
District 13
Chair, Committee on Labor
New York State Senate

Senator Patrick M. Gallivan
District 59
Senate Minority Whip
Ranking Member, Committee on Labor
New York State Senate

AIHA Support for S.8166, the Nail Salon Minimum Standards Council Act

Dear Chairwoman Ramos and Ranking Member Gallivan:

AIHA, the association for scientists and professionals committed to preserving and ensuring occupational and environmental health and safety, which has more than 200 members in New York and thousands more throughout the nation, commends the Senate for focusing on legislation to protect the health and safety of nail salon workers. We urge the Committee on Labor to swiftly pass S.8166, the Nail Salon Minimum Standards Council Act¹, and encourage your colleagues to enact the bill into law.

This legislation would create a nail salon minimum standards council that would set the stage for improving the health and safety protections of nail salon workers and customers.

Of particular note, the nail salon minimum standards council would have a non-voting member who has experience with occupational safety and health standards and compliance.

This legislation is vital because, while attention is typically focused on consumer protections, salon worker health and safety protections are frequently treated as an afterthought.

AIHA, which has more than 200 members in New York and thousands more throughout the nation, urges you to swiftly enact S.8166, the Nail Salon Minimum Standards Council Act.

¹ https://nyassembly.gov/leg/?default_fld=&leg_video=&bn=A09398&term=2021&Summary=Y&Text=Y

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Standards Council Act, setting the stage to protect the health and safety of nail salon workers.

If you have any questions about AIHA’s support for this legislation or other matters, please contact me at mames@aiha.org or (703) 846-0730.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Director, Government Relations
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