June 29, 2022

Senator Julie Kushner
District S24
Co-Chair, Labor and Public Employees Committee
Connecticut State Senate

Senator Jorge Cabrera
District S17
Vice Chair, Labor and Public Employees Committee
Connecticut State Senate

Representative Robyn Porter
District 094
Co-Chair, Labor and Public Employees Committee
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Representative Emanuel Sanchez
District 024
Vice Chair, Labor and Public Employees Committee
Connecticut State Senate

**AIHA Support for CT S.B. 314, An Act Concerning Protection of Warehouse Workers**

Dear Senator Kushner, Representative Porter, Senator Cabrera, and Representative Sanchez:

AIHA, the association for scientists and professionals committed to preserving and ensuring occupational and environmental health and safety for thousands of members throughout the nation, commends the Assembly for focusing on legislation to protect the health and safety of warehouse workers. We urge the Labor and Public Employees Committee to reintroduce and pass CT S.B. 314, An Act Concerning Protection of Warehouse Workers, and encourage your colleagues to enact the bill into law in the next legislative session.

This legislation will require that covered employers provide a written statement to their employees of any required quotas the job entails. This bill would also prohibit any risks associated with these quotas. Examples of such risks include preventing legally required mealtimes and the non-compliance with Occupational Health and Safety Administration laws to reach the desired quotas.

According to the [Occupational Health and Safety Administration](https://www.osha.gov), the most common injuries/illnesses associated with warehouse workers include ergonomic and musculoskeletal disorders, heat-related illnesses, and injuries from falls and slips. Furthermore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics [reported](https://www.bls.gov) that in 2020, at least 21 deaths per 100 workers in warehouses and storage were killed as a result of a workplace injury.
If you have any questions about AIHA’s support for this legislation or other matters, please contact me at rquazi@aiha.org or 703-846-0794.

Sincerely,

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About AIHA  
AIHA is the association for scientists and professionals committed to preserving and ensuring occupational and environmental health and safety in the workplace and community. Founded in 1939, we support our members with our expertise, networks, comprehensive education programs, and other products and services that help them maintain the highest professional and competency standards. More than half of AIHA’s nearly 8,500 members are Certified Industrial Hygienists and many hold other professional designations. AIHA serves as a resource for those employed across the public and private sectors as well as to the communities in which they work. For more information, please visit www.aiha.org.

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