February 23, 2022

Senator Paul G. Pinsky
District 22
Chair, Education, Health, and
Environmental Affairs Committee
Maryland State Senate

Senator Cheryl C. Kagan
District 17
Vice Chair, Education, Health, and
Environmental Affairs Committee
Maryland State Senate

Senator Obie Patterson
District 25
Maryland State Senate

AIHA Support for Senate Bill 320: Mold Inspections and Remediation – Standards, Reporting, Penalties, and Tax Credit

Dear Senators Pinsky, Kagan, and Patterson:

AIHA, the association for scientists and professionals committed to preserving and ensuring occupational and environmental health and safety (OEHS), strongly encourages you to swiftly pass Senate Bill 320¹, which would help protect Marylanders from adverse health effects related to mold by requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish uniform standards for mold assessment and remediation on or before June 1, 2024. The standards would be established in accordance with the standards of AIHA’s Environmental Microbiology Laboratory Accreditation Program², among others. The bill would also permit a local jurisdiction to authorize industrial hygienists to conduct mold assessments and inspections in accordance with the bill.

AIHA urges you to swiftly enact this bill into law, protecting more Marylanders from adverse health effects related to mold. If you have any questions about AIHA’s support for this bill or other matters, please contact Mark Ames at mames@aiha.org or (703) 846-0730.

¹ https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/SB0320?ys=2022RS
² https://www.aihaaccreditedlabs.org/lab-accreditation-programs/environmental-microbiology

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Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer

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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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