CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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Cal/OSHA
2520 Venture Oaks Way, Suite 350
Sacramento, CA 95833

Sent via e-mail to RS@dir.ca.gov

RE: Updated Draft Standard – Prohibition of Fabrication and Manufacture of Artificial Stone with 1.0% or more Crystalline Silica.

On behalf of our over 50,000 physician and medical student members, the California Medical Association (CMA) submits the following comments in support of Cal/OSHA's October 22, 2026, draft standard to prohibit the fabrication and manufacture of artificial stone with more than 1% crystalline silica.

CMA urges Cal/OSHA and the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board to move expeditiously to adopt the proposed emergency standard addressing artificial stone containing 1.0% or more crystalline silica. CMA supports the comments submitted by the Western Occupational and Environmental Medical Association and shares its call for urgent action to protect California workers from preventable illness and death. Prompt action is necessary to protect workers and their families from further preventable harm. We appreciate the work undertaken to advance this critical worker protection and urge adoption without delay.

Thank you for consideration of CMA's comments. Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 444-5532 or levensen@cmadocs.org.

Sincerely,

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