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TO: The Honorable Mark DeSaulnier  
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**Re: AB 2774 (Assembly Committee on Labor and Employment) – Occupational safety and health  
As amended May 28, 2010 – OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED  
Set for Hearing June 23, 2010 – Senate Labor and Industrial Relations Committee**



The California State Association of Counties (CSAC), the California Association of Joint Powers Authorities (CAJPA), the CSAC-Excess Insurance Authority (CSAC-EIA), the Alpha Fund, the California Special Districts Association (CSDA), and the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) regret that we must oppose Assembly Bill 2774 unless it is amended.



AB 2774 creates an overly expansive definition of serious physical harm that will lead to an increase in citations classified as serious that should continue to be classified as general. Further, this new definition will encourage employer appeals due to the significant financial implications of a serious citation and the affect on the employer's record of a misclassified citation.

We understand that stakeholders are working towards a mutually agreeable solution. We support these efforts and are willing to assist in any way we can. We look forward to reviewing amendments in the future.



We are available to discuss our concerns with you or your staff at your convenience. Eraina Ortega (CSAC) may be reached at 327-7500 ext. 521, Julianne Broyles (CAJPA) at 441-5050, Michael Corbett (CSAC-EIA) at 449-3936, Amber Wiley (Alpha Fund) at 498-6233, Iris Herrera (CSDA) at 442-7887, and Whitnie Henderson (ACWA) at 441-4545.

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