



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Scott Mugno confirmation for Assistant Secretary of Labor

July 3, 2018

Dear Senator McConnell and Senator Schumer:

The American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) is a global society of occupational safety and health (OSH) professionals representing 38,000+ members. In every business, industry, and sector, our members strive to ensure workers return home each day as safe and healthy as they arrived at work.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is a key partner in our work, setting the regulatory framework for employers and providing outreach and enforcement that impacts the 127 million workers in our nation.

Keeping the American workforce safe is critical to our nation's prosperity. And yet, 18 months into this Administration, OSHA still waits for an Assistant Secretary of Labor to lead the Agency. While Loren Sweatt has been an admirable Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor, OSHA needs a confirmed Assistant Secretary with the full backing of the Administration. The Spring 2018 Semi-Annual Regulatory Agenda holds twenty pending matters, including movement on wide-ranging issues such as the Silica rule (RIN 1218-AD18) and recording, reporting and posting of injury and illness reports (RIN: 1218-AD17).

Nine months ago, President Trump nominated Scott Mugno to fill this role. Mr. Mugno testified before the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee in December and has twice been approved by Senate HELP for a vote before the full Senate.

Mr. Mugno is a seasoned and dedicated safety professional who stands ready and able to serve. We see no reason why the Senate continues to delay his vote. Our economy is strong, we have full employment, and the nation's workers need safety leadership.

We respectfully urge the Senate leadership to put America's workers first and bring Mr. Mugno's nomination to the Senate floor for a vote immediately.

Sincerely,

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President