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Eduardo Enz
Executive Officer
Commission on Health and Safety & Workers' Compensation
1515 Clay Street
17th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Requesting CHSWC Research Findings on Skin Cancer Prevalence in our Wildlife Officers and Park Rangers

Dear Director Enz,

I am writing to follow up on the research request I initiated on February 20, 2020 regarding skin cancer prevalence in our California's wildlife officers and park rangers. While I appreciate the update you provided on September 9, 2021 and the suggestion that a two-year study might be needed, I write in strong support of what I understand to be an agreement to perform an expedited effort to survey current rangers and officers. Such results would greatly inform pending legislation that I would like to ensure advances to the Governor's desk this year.

I understand that in dialogue with the California Fish and Game Wardens Supervisors and Managers Association during the fall of 2021, you determined that a simpler survey of existing and recently retired rangers and officers would suffice – rather than a two-year going-forward study – to provide you with data to rely on to fulfill this research request. I further understand that the Association has committed to ensuring a high rate of participation by its members and other wildlife officers and park rangers. **I am heartened by this progress and collaboration and write to request CHSWC's completion and analysis of the survey by May 1, 2022.**

I appreciate the ongoing work that you and the CHSWC team must contend with, but we also are very sensitive to the concerns of the roughly 1,000 state peace officer employees that are presently excluded from a benefit (e.g., rebuttable presumption) that nearly every other state peace officer has. We want CHSWC's expertise to underpin our policy effort, but I also want to find an equitable result for these officers. My bill, Assembly Bill 334, has been broadly supported by my colleagues, and is poised to pass with unanimous support.

Please confirm with me that this timeline is workable and let me know of any assistance my office can provide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin Mullin".

Kevin Mullin
Speaker pro Tempore
California State Assembly District 22

cc: Stuart Thompson, Office of Governor Gavin Newsom
Katie Hagen, Director, California Department of Industrial Relations
Natalie Palugyai, Secretary, California Labor & Workforce Development Agency
The Honorable Tom Daly, Chair, Assembly Insurance Committee
The Honorable Dave Cortese, Chair, Senate Labor Committee