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Date: May 23, 2016

Recipients: Advisory Committee Members

Subject: April 11, 2016 Advisory Committee, Sacramento, California Re: Fall Protection
Trigger Heights for Residential Construction.

Thank you for participating in the subject advisory committee (committee) conducted by the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board (Board) staff to consider proposed amendments to Title 8, Construction Industry Residential Fall Protection standards.

The committee reached consensus to amend residential framing and roofing standards contained in Construction Safety Orders, Sections 1716.2, 1730 and 1731. The proposal addresses a reduction in the fall protection trigger height from 15 feet to 6 feet for residential framing and related roofing operations commensurate with Federal OSHA construction industry standards. In response to concerns by stakeholders for adequate time to plan and reconfigure their employee fall protection programs and acquire necessary fall protection equipment for their prospective construction projects, the proposal would have a delayed effective date.

Stakeholders agreed to provide to Board staff cost and economic impact data, including information related to the impact upon housing costs in California, following the committee meeting.

Please review the attached revised rulemaking proposal and provide your comments by June 6, 2016. Following receipt of any comments, Board staff will begin the process of preparing the proposal for presentation to the Board and public at a future Board meeting.

Your assistance in the rulemaking process is most valued and appreciated by the Board and staff. Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (916) 274-5725 or by e-mail at mmanieri@dir.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Manieri Jr.", written over a white background.

Michael J. Manieri Jr.
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Attachments:

1. Updated Advisory Committee Roster
2. Advisory Committee Attendance Sheets
3. Advisory Committee Minutes
4. Revised Proposal