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I am writing in support of the proposed new section 5204.1 and proposed changes to sections 5204 and 1532.3. Preventing more cases of incurable silicosis and other lung diseases in California workers fabricating engineered stone is best accomplished by the purpose of these changes; prohibiting products with more than one percent crystalline silica. As a nurse and long-time occupational health advocate, I was stunned by the science that warns that the silica that emits from fabricating engineered stone is so much more dangerous than other stone dust. That data supports moving up the hierarchy of controls to eliminating the source of the problem. As the Australian experience shows, safer materials exist for countertops and backsplashes.

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