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Dear OSHSB,

I have observed "cart return people," at Costco, on Morena Blvd., in San Diego, pulling and pushing large numbers of shopping carts, up a steep ramp, into the cart holding area.

In food shopping centers, I have also seen large strings of carts, being pulled and/or pushed by young men and women, as they are collected in the parking lots, and returned to the store/s.

My sense is that these workers, throughout the State, are being asked to do work that can effect their bodies now, or in later years.

Shopping carts are heavy, and regardless of wheels (which are probably never oiled or maintained, even with possible sealed bearings, they become hard to push, in a long chain.

There is considerable stress put on peoples' bodies, regardless of age.

Some stores use electric cart pushers, which appear to removed bodily strain from the workers.

This is an area, I believe, that needs to be addressed: Harmful effects on workers, male and female, in collecting and either pushing and/or pulling shopping carts without the help of any assistance, save a strap used for pulling a string of carts.

Thank you.

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