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**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-0305**

September 21, 2017

The Honorable Alexander Acosta  
Secretary of Labor  
200 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20210

Dear Secretary Acosta,

We are deeply disappointed in your decision to move forward with implementation of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) final rule on Occupational Exposure to Crystalline Silica, published in the Federal Register on March 25, 2016. After a brief delay, this rule is scheduled to take effect September 23, 2017.

Since this rule was published, we continue to hear from industries across our districts about the severe negative effects this rule will pose. The cost this regulation places on industry makes implementation economically unfeasible. While OSHA estimates this regulation to cost \$511 million annually, industry experts foresee much higher costs. For example, in March, the Construction Industry Safety Coalition found that cost of compliance for just the construction industry will be nearly \$5 billion. Even more egregious, OSHA has yet to provide meaningful guidance to industry employers or manufacturers on how best to comply with the rule.

Aside from the exorbitant costs and lack of direction, the rule's impact will likely translate into significant job loss across all related industries. During a time when we are trying to stimulate our economy, create jobs, and reduce the size of government, it cannot be argued that this rule will be beneficial. Instead, it is yet another example of the Obama Administration's blatant efforts to sidestep Congress and overregulate the American economy.


Since taking office, President Trump has truly followed through on his campaign promises to roll back unworkable, burdensome regulations and restore Congress's Article I authority. We had hopes that similar efforts would be taken with respect to this rule. Unfortunately, it appears OSHA will instead continue to burden American companies with unfeasible regulation.

It is our sincere hope that you will take a closer look at the grave impacts of this regulation, reconsider this decision, and indefinitely delay implementation of the rule.

Sincerely,



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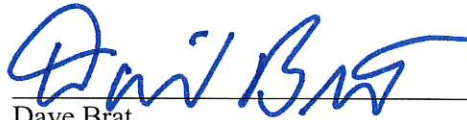
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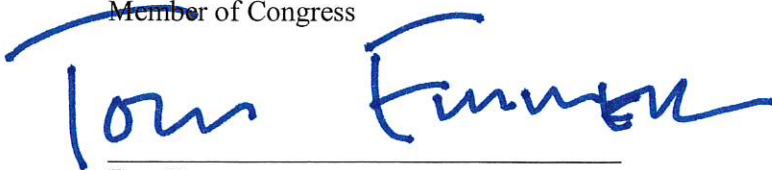
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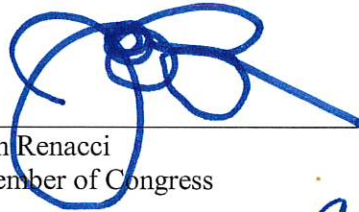
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