June 28, 2023

William Donovan, Regional Administrator
Occupational Safety and Health Administration
230 S. Dearborn Street, Room 3244
Chicago, IL 60604

Dear Mr. Donovan:

**RE: Minnesota's Occupational Safety and Health Administration state-plan formal response to the FY 2022 Follow-up FAME Report**

Thank you for the opportunity to partner with federal OSHA and to work collaboratively during the FY 2022 Follow-up FAME Report process to ensure Minnesota’s state-plan program (MNOSHA) continues to be effective at protecting the safety and health of workers. MNOSHA prides itself on being a continuous improvement organization and truly values constructive input and feedback. We request this letter be posted with Minnesota’s FAME Report on the federal OSHA webpage and that a link to Minnesota’s fiscal-year 2022 state-OSHA annual report (SOAR) be added – [dli.mn.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/soar\_ffy22.pdf](http://www.dli.mn.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/soar_ffy22.pdf).

MNOSHA was very pleased there were no new findings as a result of the FY 2022 Follow-up FAME Report. As you know, this year the Minnesota Legislature passed legislation increasing maximum penalties to conform with federal OSHA’s penalty levels effective July 1, 2023 (see [dli.mn.gov/about-department/rulemaking/minnesota-osha-rulemaking](http://www.dli.mn.gov/about-department/rulemaking/minnesota-osha-rulemaking)). Your team provided positive feedback regarding MNOSHA’s accomplishments toward meeting our established annual performance goals. We believe the MNOSHA program is a leader across the country in protecting workers from on-the-job injuries, illnesses and exposures.

I appreciate the positive working relationship with you and others at the area, regional and national levels with MNOSHA.

Sincerely,



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DLI Commissioner

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