Governor's Small Business Regulatory Review Board

November 25, 2008

Secretary Karen Timberlake
Department of Health Services
1 West Wilson Street
Madison, WI 53703

Re: DHS 159 – Certification and Training Course Requirements for Asbestos Activities
CR08-036

Dear Secretary Timberlake:

On November 18th the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB) received testimony from Shelly Bruce of the department regarding proposed administrative rule DHS 159 related to Certification and Training Course Requirements for Asbestos Activities. At the meeting, Ms. Bruce provided a copy of the major proposed revisions that were being incorporated into DHS 159 as a result of the agency's public hearing.

The SBRRB commends the department in continuing the dialogue with the training providers by agreeing to meet with them on December 4th. The SBRRB looks forward to receipt of the department's report regarding the outcome of this meeting. The SBRRB anticipates that the department's efforts to ease the economic burdens associated with fees and overly-burdensome reporting requirements will be reflected in this report.

The SBRRB expects that the Senate Committee on Health, Human Services, Insurance and Job Creation requested modifications will be incorporated into the report. In accordance with Wis. Stats., 227.19(3)(6)(g), the report to the SBRRB shall be filed with the final rule submitted to the legislature.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Petershack, Chairman
Governor's Small Business Regulatory Review Board

Cc: Rea Holmes, DHS Executive Assistant
Thomas Sieger, Deputy Administrator, Division of Public Health
Pat Cooper, DHS Small Business Regulatory Review Board
Rosie Greer, DHS Small Business Regulatory Review Coordinator
Senator John Erpenbach, Chair of Senate Committee on Health, Human Services, Insurance and Job Creation