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The Honorable Douglas Parker
Assistant Secretary
Occupational Safety and Health Administration
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20210

RE: Docket No. OSHA-2023-0003, National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health (NACOSH); Request for Nominations

Dear Assistant Secretary Parker:

The American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine ([ACOEM](https://www.acoem.org)) is pleased to nominate Dr. Rosemary Sokas to serve on the National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health (NACOSH).

Dr. Sokas is board-certified in occupational and environmental medicine (OEM) and a Fellow of the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, with experience practicing clinical medicine, conducting research addressing work-related disease outcomes, the needs of low-wage, high-risk working populations, and the effectiveness of training interventions. She has previously served as the Associate Director for Science at NIOSH and as the Director of the Office of Occupational Medicine at OSHA. Dr. Sokas has a history of championing collaboration and thoughtful consideration of significant worker safety and health issues through her service in various academic, professional, and scientific settings and organizations.

Attached are Dr. Sokas' curriculum vitae (with a list of authored publications & documents) and her statement of interest. I have summarized her qualifications to serve below. Dr. Sokas has no conflicts of interest that would preclude membership on NACOSH.

Nominee's Information:

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Categories Qualified to Represent on NACOSH:

- Occupational Health Professional Representative (HHS)
- Public Representative (HHS)

Summary of Qualifications:

Dr. Sokas is a leader in the field of occupational and environmental medicine, with a focus on low-wage, high-risk working populations. She worked initially as a primary care clinician in safety net health centers. Subsequently, she focused on occupational and environmental

medicine, publishing peer-reviewed research addressing the effects of lead, noise, heat, and ergonomic exposures and evaluating training and other participatory interventions in collaboration with unions and worker centers. She has worked with immigrant day laborers, construction workers, agricultural workers, healthcare workers, and home care workers, and most recently collaborated with the UFCW to evaluate the effectiveness of union-negotiated prevention measures for grocery store workers during the Covid-19 pandemic. She developed and directed an Occupational and Environmental Medicine Residency program at GWU and founded and directed the Illinois Public Health Research Fellowship. She has developed and evaluated curricular materials for medical students, construction workers, and home care workers and has taught undergraduate, medical, nursing, and public health students and practitioners.

Dr. Sokas has been an active member of ACOEM for 40 years, contributing leadership and service in sections addressing underserved occupational populations and government policy, among others. Founded in 1916, ACOEM is the nation's largest medical society dedicated to promoting employee health through preventive medicine, clinical care, research, and education. Dr. Sokas has been particularly active in educational outreach, providing continuing medical education throughout this time on topics ranging from lead toxicity to challenges facing aging workers. ACOEM has recognized her service to the field through two national awards, the 2007 individual award for Health Achievement in Occupational Medicine and the 2014 team award for Outstanding Achievement for developing the ACOEM response to OSHA's silica standard.

In addition to academic positions at the University of Pennsylvania, George Washington University, the University of Illinois at Chicago, and Georgetown University, Dr. Sokas has served both at OSHA as Director of the Office of Occupational Medicine (as it was then known) and at NIOSH as Associate Director for Science. She worked to bridge communications across the two agencies and is the recipient of a number of awards related to effective teamwork. She provided NIOSH testimony to a session of the Senate HELP Committee chaired by the late Sen. Wellstone describing NIOSH efforts to address occupational health disparities among immigrant workers and subsequently assisted in the 2010 OSHA National Action Summit for Latino Worker Safety and Health.

Dr. Sokas served for 10 years on the Board of Directors for the Migrant Clinicians Network, including as treasurer and as chair, and currently serves on the Technical Advisory Board for CPWR – the Center for Construction Research and Training, as well as on the Board of Directors for Farmworker Justice.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Dane Farrell (Dane@cascadeassociates.net), ACOEM's Government Affairs Representative. I highly recommend Dr. Sokas for consideration and believe she would be a great asset to NACOSH.

Sincerely,



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President

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