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c/o Ms. Pauline Benjamin, Committee Management Specialist  
National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
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**Submitted via:** [nioshdocket@cdc.gov](mailto:nioshdocket@cdc.gov)

**RE:** Nomination and Recommendation of Candidate Dr. Kathryn Mueller for Membership on the NIOSH Board of Scientific Counselors

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM), I am writing to nominate and recommend Kathryn L. Mueller, MD, MPH, FACOEM, for membership on the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC). Dr. Mueller has robust expertise in the field of occupational safety and health, specifically within the discipline of occupational medicine.

Dr. Mueller is a Professor in the Colorado School of Public Health, and the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the Anschutz Medical Center, University of Colorado Medical School in Aurora, Colorado. She is an expert in disability management. She has served previously as the Medical Director of the Division of Workers Compensation in Colorado, the Medical Director for the Student and Occupational Health Services at the University of Colorado Medical Center, the Medical Director for the Colorado Division of Emergency Medical Services, and as the Director of Occupational Medical Residency program at the University of Colorado, among many other positions. Through these roles, Dr. Mueller has developed evidence-based guidelines used in Colorado and several other states as a basis for care for work-related injuries.

Dr. Mueller has served on several scientific advisory panels, including those for Workers Compensation Research Institute, Med Risk, a recent Patient-Centered Outcomes Research (PCOR) Washington and Ohio State grant involving opioid use, and an AHRQ technical expert panel on opioid treatment for chronic pain.

Within ACOEM, Dr. Mueller has been elected to serve in several leadership positions on the Society's Board of Directors and is currently an active and valuable member of three of ACOEM's Councils. Founded in 1916, ACOEM is the nation's largest medical society dedicated to promoting employee health through preventive medicine, clinical care, research, and education. The College represents more than 4,000 physicians and other healthcare

professionals specializing in occupational and environmental medicine (OEM) who are devoted to preventing and managing occupational injuries.

In summary, Dr. Mueller has spent more than three decades in the field of occupational medicine and has a strong background with both clinical and policy-related experience. She is a dependable source of collaboration and an ardent proponent of consensus-based decision-making that can lead to meaningful changes in policy and behavior. Notably, she has been active in advancing the understanding and awareness of topical issues such as the intersection of long COVID and return-to-work policy in external venues such as webinars and with government agencies.

ACOEM represents all working Americans, and the protection of the US workforce via further advancement of occupational safety and health research and prevention programs has never been more apparent than during the past several years. Dr. Mueller understands not only the occupational factors that impact risk to workers but also the implications on national workforce economics, employment law, and industry-specific regulations.

Dr. Mueller is aware of this nomination and is willing to serve. She can be reached at:

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If you should have any questions or need additional information, please contact Dane Farrell ([Dane@cascadeassociates.net](mailto:Dane@cascadeassociates.net)), ACOEM's Government Affairs Representative. I highly recommend Dr. Mueller for consideration. She would be a great asset to the NIOSH Board of Scientific Counselors.

Sincerely,



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President

American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM)

**Enclosure:** Qualifications and Fitness to Serve Cover Letter (A), Letter of Recommendation from Dr. Michael Kosnett (B), & Current Curriculum Vitae (C)

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