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Kline, Walberg Statement on OSHA Proposed Regulatory Change to Silica Standard

WASHINGTON, D.C. | August 26, 2013 - House Education and the Workforce Committee Chairman John Kline (R-MN) and Subcommittee on Workforce Protections Chairman Tim Walberg (R-M) released the following statement after the Department of Labor issued a proposed regulation to reduce the permissible exposure limit to silica:

No one should be threatened by a deadly disease because of the work they do to support a family. Eliminating the health risks posed by silica must be a national priority. To achieve this goal we need strong, sensible standards and tough, responsible enforcement. OSHA's regulatory proposal will have a significant effect on America's workplaces. Two years ago the committee urged the administration to bring this regulatory proposal out of the shadows and allow for public input, and we are pleased to see the administration do so. The committee will closely examine the proposed rule, as well as the science and process surrounding its development, to ensure the best policies are in place to protect workers.

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