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Dear Sirs:

I am writing this letter in support of the nomination of David Ritchie, CSP, CHST, for membership on the Cranes and Derricks Negotiated Rulemaking Advisory Committee (C-DAC). You are already in receipt of his letter of application dated August 9, 2002, and enclosures.

Mr. Ritchie has distinguished himself throughout his 30+ year career in this industry by championing the cause of crane safety in a multitude of ways, most recently in his contributions to the Advisory Committee on Construction Safety and Health (ACCSH) Subpart N Work Group.

Mr. Ritchie has held numerous positions within the construction industry focusing on crane activities, including project manager, safety director, crane operator, loss control manager, and crane and rigging specialist. Because of the breadth of this experience, Mr. Ritchie possesses the rare ability to view issues "from all sides", and to reach an honest, educated and informed opinion.

Mr. Ritchie has earned a wealth of professional credentials reflecting his construction expertise. This has been acknowledged in numerous ways, notably in his appointments to committees of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) that develop American National Standards. His current appointments include the ASME B30.3 and B30.5 committees on tower cranes and mobile cranes, respectively.

Mr. Ritchie is a professional educator and the author of a landmark training program for crane operators and instructors. He has personally trained crane operators as well as instructors in the knowledge and techniques required to raise the level of professional conduct among crane operators, owners, superintendents, inspectors and other key personnel.

I believe this Committee needs "real-world" input from individuals who have a profound and genuine concern for worker safety, and who possess the knowledge and professional expertise appropriate to standards-setting activities. On the basis of these criteria, Mr. Ritchie is extraordinarily well-qualified for a position on the C-DAC Committee, and, accordingly, I urge you to approve his nomination.

Sincerely

Graham Brent

cc. Russell Bruce Swanson, Director, Directorate of Construction