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Dear Sirs:

I am writing this letter in support of the nomination of Hugh Pratt, Ph.D. for membership on the Cranes and Derricks Negotiated Rulemaking Advisory Committee (C-DAC).

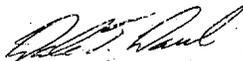
Mr. Pratt has distinguished himself throughout his career in this industry by championing the cause of crane safety in a multitude of ways. Most recently his contributions have been to try to reduce the number of injuries and fatalities due to power line contacts. He has held numerous positions within the crane industry focusing on the number one killer, power line contact electrocutions. Because of this experience, Mr. Pratt possesses the ability to view issues and to reach an honest, educated, and informed opinion.

Mr. Pratt has earned a wealth of professional credentials reflecting his high voltage engineering expertise. He has received 18 international patents, seven patents on insulating links, five national awards, has presented to B30, NSC, CCA, SC&RA committees and is considered the world's leading authority on insulating links.

Mr. Pratt has a Ph.D. in High Voltage Engineering and degrees in Mechanical Engineering and Ocean Engineering. He has worked as a President and Technical Director in the crane scale and load cell business.

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

Sincerely,



Dale Daul
Director of Technical Services
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cc: Mr. Hugh Pratt, Ph.D.