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Linking Health and the Environment

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## Our Mission:

*To protect and improve public health by reducing and eliminating pollutants and toxic substances from our environment through research, education, and community action.*

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Mr. Rich Bizzozero  
Executive Director TUR Administrative Council  
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs  
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900  
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301CMR 41.00

Dear Mr. Bizzozero,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to 301 CMR 41.00, specifically 1) the designation of formaldehyde as a Higher Hazardous Substance, 2) the creation of a separate category for hexavalent chromium compounds, and 3) the designation of hexavalent chromium compounds as a Higher Hazard Substances. HealthLink supports these three amendments.

Exposures to these toxic chemicals in the work place, especially, and elsewhere present a persistent health hazard for workers and labors who handle such toxins and also to the general public. We urge that steps be taken to categorize these chemicals as Higher Hazardous Substance and place them on a path for replacement with available safer alternatives. We consider this request to be responsible to workers by promoting a safer, less toxic work environment, to be economically sound to businesses, and to protect public health from unnecessary exposures to these potentially harmful chemical compounds.

Thank you again for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Martha Dansdill  
Executive Director