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Assistant Secretary David Michaels
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Occupational Safety & Health Administration
200 Constitution Avenue
Washington, DC 20210

Dear Secretary Michaels:

Thank you for the good work you and OSHA do to protect workers around the country. I am writing today about carbon monoxide poisoning in the hope that we can do more to prevent future tragedies.

As you may know, two weeks ago, at a local shopping mall in my congressional district, a faulty basement pipe caused a carbon monoxide leak that ultimately led to the death of a restaurant manager there. 27 people were also sickened in moments by this colorless, odorless gas.

I know that OSHA has requirements for the monitoring of carbon monoxide in workplaces with a clear possibility of carbon monoxide poisoning, but I am still concerned about spaces where people frequently visit and gather where accidental carbon monoxide poisoning can still occur. I am writing to encourage OSHA to develop safety guidelines that workplaces throughout the country can look to in order to ensure that there is not one more death from carbon monoxide.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Colleen Nguyen in my office at 202-225-3335 or Colleen.Nguyen@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Israel".

Steve Israel
Member of Congress