



September 10, 2023

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U.S. House of Representatives
The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

Sen. Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
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Sen. Alex Padilla
United States Senate
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RE: Support the Asunción Valdivia Heat Illness, Injury, and Fatality Prevention Act!

Dear Members of Congress,

I urge you to support this bill and reach out to your colleagues and leadership to help prevent avoidable heat illnesses and deaths, and to ensure workers have access to commonsense, life-saving safety measures.

As your constituent, I am asking you to cosponsor the Asunción Valdivia Heat Illness, Injury, and Fatality Prevention Act and work to advance it through Congress, to ensure workers are protected from dangerous conditions on extremely hot days, especially outdoor workers.

This bill, named after a worker who died from heatstroke after his 10-hour shift in the sun, directs the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to issue a safety and health standard to protect workers from heat-related injuries and illnesses. Workplace deaths and illnesses can be prevented when workers have access to water, rest, and shade.

Extreme heat days threaten not only outdoor workers' health, but also their income. A report from the Union of Concerned Scientists, Too Hot to Work (<http://act.ucsusa.org/too-hot-to-work>), projects that between now and 2065, climate change will quadruple US outdoor workers' exposure to hazardous heat conditions, jeopardizing their health and placing up to \$55.4 billion of their earnings at risk annually if no action is taken to reduce global warming emissions. With no action to reduce emissions, the average outdoor worker risks losing more than \$1,700 in annual earnings due to lost work days from extreme heat, though workers in the 10 hardest-hit counties risk losing nearly \$7,000 per year on average.

It's critical that Congress takes bold measures to cut heat-trapping emissions to reduce the intensity and frequency of future extreme heat days and advance safety measures so that vulnerable workers have the protection to safely withstand killer heat today.

No one should be put in a position where they have to choose between their income and their health.

I urge you to support this bill and reach out to your colleagues and leadership to help prevent avoidable heat illnesses and deaths, and to ensure workers have access to commonsense, life-saving safety measures.

Sincerely,

Thank you for your consideration,

(Print Name & Address) _____