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Dear Physicians of Occupational, Environmental and Pediatric Medicine,

Health marketing is the study of how concepts become policy among medical associations, teaching hospitals, the courts and government agencies with regard to matters pertaining to health. It is the study of how information is disbursed and distributed to influence the direction of policy.

In 2003 a medico-legal policy paper was written on behalf of the US Chamber of Commerce titled "A Scientific View of the Health Effects of Mold". Within the paper the claim is made that all claims of illness from the toxic components of mold are scientifically proven to be made because of "trial lawyers, media and junk science." Although not listed on their curriculum vitae, co-authors of AAAAI's policy on mold "Position Paper, The Health Effects of Mold" (2006) and ACOEM's "Adverse Human Health Effects Associated With Molds In The Indoor Environment" (2002); are listed on the US Chamber publication as the authors.

The authors of the AAAAI and ACOEM medico-legal papers themselves state that the science of the US Chamber paper is the same as the science of ACOEM with regard to toxicity. They also state right in the AAAAI publication that the science of the AAAAI is the same as the science of ACOEM.

Is it the intent of the medical non-profits of ACOEM and AAAAI to promote the false concept in US health policy that all claims of illness from the toxic components of mold have been scientifically proven to be made because of "trial lawyers, media and junk science" as the listed authors themselves state is the concept AAAAI and ACOEM are health marketing to be US policy?

Plainly stated, your position papers are scientific frauds in health marketing that are adverse to the health and safety of the American public. They are medico-legal defense arguments meant to stave off financial liability for the affiliates of the US Chamber of Commerce that promotes the same concept with all being based on a never duplicated nonsequitor of science.

The nonsequitor of science found in all of these papers is that two toxicologists with no research backgrounds in the study of mold could apply math extrapolations to data from one acute mechanistic research study and profess to scientifically prove that all claims of illness from "Toxic mold" are a result of "trial lawyers, media and junk science". The conclusion reached using a single hypothetical threshold analysis has never been duplicated. **It is a fraud in health marketing mass marketed by ACOEM, AAAAI, JOEM, JACI and the US Chamber of Commerce.**

The AAAAI mold position statement cites false physician authorship of Dr. Jay Portnoy. It fraudulently professes that the science of ACOEM with regard to toxicity is consistent with the science of the Institute of Medicine, Damp Indoor Spaces and Health Report (IOM Report 2004). Yet, the author of the IOM toxicity section herself, Dr. Harriet Ammann, informed the AAAAI in 2006, that the ACOEM mold statement is *not consistent* with her extensively peer reviewed writing for the National Academy of Sciences, Institute of Medicine. She is published in the JACI making this statement.

Yet, the harm to public health continues to this very day by the fraud in health marketing within the widely influential AAAAI and ACOEM medico-legal mold policy papers that are falsely portrayed to the courts, teaching hospitals and governmental agencies to be scientific consensus opinion of thousands of immunologists and occupational physicians.

Some physicians of the Association of Occupational and Environmental Clinics (AOEC) & Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Units (PEHSU), adhere to these teachings that all claims of illness from the toxins from mold are only being made because of "trial lawyers, media, and junk science" as promoted by ACOEM, AAAAI, JACI, JOEM and the US Chamber of Commerce – denying sick workers and sick children proper diagnostics and medical treatment. We federally fund the AOEC & PEHSU to disseminate information to teaching hospitals throughout the US. The intent of this funding is for the good of the public – not to promote a litigation defense argument on behalf of the US Chamber of Commerce, et al.

Is it the intent of the nonprofit medical associations of AAAAI and ACOEM to aid in federal funds being used to deny injured workers and sick children medical treatment via misinformation being disseminated in US teaching hospitals; while aiding and abetting the affiliates of the US Chamber of Commerce to be able to stave off financial liability for illnesses caused by moldy buildings? Because that is what you are doing by aiding to promote a scientific fraud in health marketing that all claims of illness from the toxins of mold are scientifically proven to be made because of "trial lawyers, media and junk science".

Attached is a notarized letter sent to Dr. Andrew Saxon of UCLA (retired). He is listed as a co-author of both the AAAAI and the ACOEM mold policy statements. There seems to be a dispute between Dr. Saxon and the owners of VeriTox, Inc, as to who actually authored the sister paper to your AAAAI and ACOEM mold statements, "A Scientific View of the Health Effects of Mold" for the US Chamber of Commerce. Although not listed on anyone's CV, the "Scientific View" of the US Chamber paper names VeriTox owners Bryan Hardin, Bruce Kelman, Coreen Robbins along with Andrew Saxon UCLA as the stated authorship.

Please retract your mold position statements. They are easily substantiated as medico-legal frauds in health marketing that are adverse to the health and safety of the American public. Much money has been wasted via litigation because of your roles in health marketing a scientific fraud into medico-legal policy. Many lives have been and continue to be adversely impacted by the roles of ACOEM, JOEM, AAAAI, JACI and several of their peer reviewers for assisting this fraud to occur in the first place and to continue on behalf of the interests of the US Chamber of Commerce and affiliates.

Thank you for your attention to this very serious matter.

Sincerely,



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