



May 23, 2008

Dear Capital Area Safety Council Member,

For the past four years, The Capital Area Safety Council (CASC) has been providing Columbus area employers with programs and services to assist them in reducing workplace injuries and illnesses. Employers have benefitted from the program by participating in educational programs, discounted rates for health and safety training, scholarship opportunities for employees who participate in health and safety training programs and rebates on their workers compensation premiums.

The CASC is an independent non profit organization who receives 75% of its funding from the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation, Division of Safety and Hygiene (Bureau). The operating funds from the Bureau have gone to administrative expenses and program costs, both which have operated within the guidelines set forth by the Bureau.

The Steering Committee has been diligent in keeping costs within the budget and is committed to continuing to provide high quality educational programs, scholarships for members and other resources. Monthly meeting fees and meeting sponsors have provided additional revenue sources.

The Bureau has announced that the subsidy will be reduced by almost 50% for the 2008-2009 program year (starting July 1, 2008). The Bureau is encouraging Ohio safety councils throughout the state to explore additional revenue sources like membership fees, increased sponsorships or increased monthly dues.

***After careful evaluation and lengthy discussion, the CASC steering committee has decided to implement a membership fee starting in July, 2008. CASC members will be assessed a \$100 per year, per policy number membership dues. The dues will be payable by August 30, 2008 to remain eligible for the 2008-2009 program year..***

***To offset the impact that this new membership dues program may have, the steering committee has formulated a budget so that you will no longer have to pay the \$5.00 per meeting fee. Additionally, they have negotiated with Berwick to offer a full breakfast for each monthly meeting.***

You will be receiving letters and invoices at the beginning of June. We hope you will consider continuing your participation with the CASC and understand that this minimal fee is a small investment that reaps many returns in premium rebates, educational programming and the networking opportunities.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either Michele or Kathy at Safex at 614-890-0800.

Sincerely,  
CASC Steering Committee

