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WELDERS HEALTH

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Hi Mark,
My name is John Brown, I am the welders' shop steward at BAE Systems Govan and a representative of The Alex Ferry Foundation, a charity and campaigning organization set up by the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Trade Unions (CSEU) to further the health and safety needs of our members. I understand that you are asking for submissions with regards to the forthcoming,Scottish Employment Injuries Council bill/amendments. May I ask that you consider the recent reclassification of welding fume from a possible carcinogen to a scheduled carcinogen. This reclassification, coupled with the already well established links of welding to serious lung diseases, means that, in Scotland, we have many workers, both past and present, who have been over there working lives exposed to serious levels of toxic gasses and contaminants. So, currently we have a large cohort of workers who have received no compensation for their industrially- induced cancers and lung conditions. In consequence, I would ask that you urgently add welding fume to the bill in the hope that we can end the suffering caused by these preventable industrial conditions.
Best Regards,
John Brown, GMB Welders Shop steward .

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