



American Association of Occupational Health Nurses, Inc.

330 N. Wabash Ave., Suite 2000, Chicago, IL 60611

Phone: 312-321-5173 | Fax: 312-673-6719

info@aaohn.org | www.aaohn.org

December 15, 2017

Dr. Michael Hodgson - Director
Office of Occupational Medicine and Nursing
U.S. Department of Labor (OSHA)
200 Constitution Ave. NW Mailstop N3653
Washington, DC 20210

Dear Dr. Hodgson,

The American Association of Occupational Health Nurses (AAOHN) would like to extend our support of the work of the Office of Occupational Medicine and Nursing (OOMN), and offer our expertise in Occupational Health Nursing to potential collaborative projects that would be of benefit to your Office. Our 4,000-member organization reaches every industry in the United States, and we share your goal to promote best practices in workplace safety and health.

In a changing regulatory climate, we also feel it is imperative that Occupational Health Nursing continue to be well represented, and would be supportive of an increase in the number and visibility of Occupational Health Nurses at the OOMN. We understand the only Occupational Health Nurse currently employed at the OOMN will be retiring in the upcoming weeks and will not be replaced due to the hiring freeze. AAOHN strongly urges the OOMN to replace this vital position once the hiring freeze is lifted.

The American Association of Occupational Health Nurses (AAOHN) is a 4,000-member professional association dedicated to advancing the health, safety, and productivity of domestic and global workforces by providing education, research, public policy, and practice resources for occupational and environmental health nurses throughout the United States and the world. These professionals are the largest group of health care providers serving the worksite. For more information, visit www.aaohn.org.

Please feel free to contact us for any assistance and collaboration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mary Gene Ryan'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Mary' being the most prominent.

Mary Gene Ryan, MPH, RN, COHN-S/SM, CSP, FAAOHN
AAOHN President