

Friends of *NIOSH*

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The Honorable Roy Blunt
Chairman, Subcommittee on Labor, Health &
Human Services, Education, &
Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Labor,
Health and Human Services, Education, &
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Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman, Subcommittee on Labor, Health &
Human Services, Education, &
Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Labor,
Health & Human Services, Education, &
Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Blunt, Ranking Member Murray, Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As Congress considers funding priorities for Fiscal Year 2019, the *Friends of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health* strongly urges you to include at least the Fiscal Year 2016 level of \$339.121 million for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). In addition, we support keeping NIOSH within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and oppose moving it to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), as proposed in the President's Fiscal Year 2019 budget.

The Friends of NIOSH is a coalition of industry, labor, professional, education and scientific organizations that are dedicated to research and prevention of occupational injuries and illness and committed to the training of occupational health and safety professionals. Our broad coalition of stakeholders understands the value of research, state-based surveillance of work-related injuries and illnesses, education and occupational illness prevention from many perspectives, including the labor, academic and business communities.

NIOSH is the primary federal agency responsible for conducting research and making recommendations for the prevention of work-related illness and injury. NIOSH provides national and world leadership to avert workplace illness, injury, disability, and death by gathering information, conducting scientific research, and translating this knowledge into products and services. NIOSH supports programs in every state to improve the health and safety of workers.

With this in mind, we are very concerned that the President's Fiscal Year 2019 budget request significantly cuts NIOSH, eliminating programs that protect the health and safety of America's workforce, such as the Education and Research Centers (ERCs), the Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing (AFF) Program, the Total Worker Health (TWH) Program, and the state occupational health and safety surveillance programs. These cuts would also cripple NIOSH's robust research program, the National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA), which was developed to apply the tools of science to improving workplace health and safety. Elimination of any of these programs would limit the ability of workers to avoid exposures that can result in injury or illnesses, push back improved working conditions, eliminate

occupational safety and health educational services to U.S. businesses, and ultimately raise health care costs.

The health and safety of the American workforce is a shared goal of all of our organizations. Many of our members are employed in high risk occupations. Rather than accept that working requires individuals to place their health and wellbeing at risk, we believe strongly that all occupations can be made safer through research, education and training.

In order to maintain the health and safety of the American workforce, we ask that you include at least \$339.121 million for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) in the Fiscal Year 2019 Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations bill. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

1. AG Health and Safety Alliance
2. Agri-Services Agency LLC
3. Agricultural Safety and Health Council of America (ASHCA)
4. Alaska Marine Safety Education Association (AMSEA)
5. American Association of Occupational Health Nurses (AAOHN)
6. American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM)
7. American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA)
8. American Industrial Hygiene Association – Chicago Local Section
9. American Industrial Hygiene Association: Iowa/Illinois Local Section
10. American Industrial Hygiene Association – New England Section
11. American Industrial Hygiene Association – Orange County Local Section
12. American Industrial Hygiene Association – Rocky Mountain Section
13. American Nurses Association
14. American Public Health Association
15. American Seafoods Company
16. American Society of Safety Engineers
17. American Thoracic Society
18. Arkansas Timber Producers Association
19. Association of Occupational and Environmental Clinics
20. Association of Occupational Health Professionals in Healthcare (AOHP)
21. Association of University Programs in Occupational Health and Safety
22. Aurora Organic Farms, Inc.
23. Axion Health, Inc.
24. Bassett Healthcare Network
25. Boise State University, School of Allied Health Sciences, Environmental and Occupational Health Program
26. Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, University of California, Berkeley
27. Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, University of California, Irvine
28. Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, University of California, Los Angeles
29. Center for Public Health Workforce Development, Rutgers School of Public Health
30. Central Appalachian Regional Education and Research Center
31. Central Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Health Physics Society
32. Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health (CS-CASH)

33. The Cohen Group
34. College of Public Health & Human Sciences, Oregon State University
35. Collegium Ramazzini
36. Colorado Livestock Association
37. Colorado School of Public Health's Center for Health, Work and Environment
38. Colorado School of Public Health, CU Anschutz
39. Colorado School of Public Health Occupational and Environmental Medicine Residency Program
40. Community Health Partnership of Illinois
41. Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists
42. The CUNY Graduate School of Public Health and Health Policy
43. Deep South Center for Occupational Health and Safety
44. Department of Environmental and Radiological Health Sciences, Colorado State University
45. Dimensions in Occupational Health & Safety, Inc.
46. Division of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences, Department of Medicine, National Jewish Health
47. EE Cruz Co. Inc.
48. Emergency Safety Instruction 2001
49. Environmental Defense Fund
50. Environmental and Occupational Medicine Epidemiology Program of the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health
51. ERS International
52. Faith and Justice Worker Center
53. Fine, Olin, & Anderman, LLP
54. Fishing Partnership Support Services
55. Great Plains Center for Agricultural Health
56. Greater Cincinnati Occupational Health Center (GCOHC)
57. Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies, University of Washington
58. Harvard Education and Research Center for Occupational Health and Safety
59. Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health Center for Work, Health, and Wellbeing
60. Health Links Colorado
61. Health Science Associates
62. Healthier Workforce Center of the Midwest
63. Heartland Center for Occupational Health and Safety
64. High Plains Intermountain Center for Agricultural Health and Safety
65. Human Factors and Ergonomics Society (HFES)
66. Indoor Air Quality Association (IAQA), Boston chapter
67. International Association of Fire Fighters
68. International Chemical Workers Union Council (ICWUC)
69. Intrinsic, Ltd.
70. Iowa's Center for Agricultural Safety and Health (I-CASH)
71. Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO
72. Johns Hopkins Center for Injury Research and Policy
73. Johns Hopkins Education and Research Center for Occupational Safety and Health
74. Labor Occupational Health Program, UC Berkeley
75. Midwest Consortium for Hazardous Waste Worker Training
76. Migrant Clinicians Network

77. Minnesota Association of Occupational Health Nurses
78. Mountain and Plains Education and Research Center, Colorado School of Public Health
79. Northern Kentucky University, College of Health Professions
80. National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Safety and Health
81. National Council for Occupational Safety and Health (National COSH)
82. National Education Center for Agricultural Safety (NECAS)
83. National Environmental Health Association
84. National Farm Medicine Center, Marshfield Clinic Research Institute
85. National Safety Council
86. New Solutions: A Journal of Environmental and Occupational Health Policy
87. New York New Jersey Education and Research Center
88. The New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health
89. New York Farm Bureau
90. NMSU Dairy Extension
91. Northeast Center for Occupational Health and Safety: Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing
92. Northeast Equipment Dealers Association Inc.
93. Northeast Iowa Association of Occupational Health Nurses
94. NorthEast New York Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health (NENYCOSH)
95. Northwest Center for Occupational Health and Safety
96. Occupational and Environmental Health and Safety Education and Research Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago
97. Occupational Knowledge International
98. Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences, Oregon Health & Science University
99. Pacific Northwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center
100. Phylmar Group
101. Pinnacol Assurance
102. Portland State University Occupational Health Psychology Program
103. Purdue University School of Health Sciences
104. Rocky Mountain Academy of Occupational and Environmental Medicine
105. Safety Executives of New York (SENY)
106. Saint Louis Area Business Health Coalition (BHC)
107. Saint Louis University, Doisy College of Health Sciences
108. Seattle Fishermen's Memorial
109. Simmons College School of Nursing and Health Sciences
110. Society for Occupational Health Psychology
111. Southeast Center for Agricultural Health and Injury Prevention
112. Southern California Education and Research Center, University of California, Los Angeles and Irvine
113. Southwest Center for Occupational and Environmental Health
114. Society for Occupational Health Psychology
115. Sunshine Education and Research Center at the University of South Florida
116. Texas College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine
117. UCLA Labor Occupational Safety & Health Program
118. UTHealth School of Public Health
119. Universidad Metropolitana
120. University of California, Berkeley
121. University of California, Davis

122. University of Cincinnati Education and Research Center
123. University of Iowa College of Public Health
124. University of Kentucky College of Public Health
125. University of Michigan Center for Occupational Health and Safety Engineering
126. University of Minnesota, Midwest Center for Occupational Health and Safety Education and Research Center
127. University of Minnesota School of Public Health
128. University of Nebraska Medical Center
129. University of Nebraska Medical Center, College of Public Health
130. University of Utah Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational and Environmental Health
131. University of Washington, College of Built Environments
132. University of Washington Department of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences
133. University of Washington School of Public Health
134. Upper Midwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center
135. U.S. Dairy Education and Training Consortium
136. USW local 9231
137. WCF Mutual Insurance Company
138. Western Occupational & Environmental Medical Association (WOEMA)
139. Wind of the Spirit, Immigrant Resource Center
140. Worksafe Iowa