

Friends of *NIOSH*

The Honorable Patty Murray
Chairwoman, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and
Human Services, Education, & Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman, Subcommittee on Labor, Health &
Human Services, Education, & Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Roy Blunt
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Labor, Health &
Human Services, Education, & Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate

The Honorable Tom Cole
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Labor, Health &
Human Services, Education, & Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives

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

As Congress considers funding priorities for Fiscal Year 2023, the *Friends of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)* strongly urges you to provide at least \$375,300,000 for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health in the Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations Bill.

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 protects the nation's 163 million workers and provides the only dedicated federal investment for research needed to prevent injuries and illnesses that costs the United States \$250 billion annually. NIOSH is the only federal agency with an occupational health and safety mission. Different than the regulatory approach to safety and health, NIOSH works cooperatively with employers and employees to adapt research findings into workable solutions. NIOSH is the only federal research agency responsible for protecting the nation's workers through evidence-based solutions, and this has been critical during the COVID-19 pandemic. NIOSH has been the authority on respiratory protection—testing and certifying newly available respirators, providing guidance for employers and to the public on how to operate safely during the pandemic or reopen with appropriate precautions in place.

NIOSH supports programs in every state to improve the health and safety of workers, such as the Education and Research Centers (ERCs), the Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing (AgFF) Program, the Total Worker Health (TWH) Program, and the state occupational health and safety surveillance programs. NIOSH also has a robust research program, the National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA), which was developed to apply the tools of science to improving workplace health and safety. Additional funding for these programs would allow workers to avoid exposures that can result in injury or illnesses, improve working conditions, and provide occupational safety and health services to U.S. businesses, all critically important functions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The health and safety of the American workforce is a shared goal of all 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 \$375,300,000 million for NIOSH in the Fiscal Year 2023 Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations bill. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

1. Ag Health and Safety Alliance
2. Agricultural Safety and Health Council of America (ASHCA)
3. Agri-Services Agency LLC
4. American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA)
5. American Industrial Hygiene Association – Iowa/Illinois Local Section
6. American Industrial Hygiene Association - Rocky Mountain Section
7. Alaska Marine Safety Education Assn (AMSEA)
8. American Bureau of Shipping (ABS)
9. American Nurses Association
10. American Public Health Association
11. American Thoracic Society
12. Association of Occupational and Environmental Clinics
13. Association of Occupational Health Professionals in Healthcare (AOHP)
14. Association of University Programs in Occupational Health and Safety
15. Barry Commoner Center for Health & the Environment, Queens College, City University of New York
16. Bassett Medical Center
17. California Labor Laboratory, TWH Center
18. Center for Health and the Environment, University of California, Davis
19. Center for Health, Work and Environment, Colorado School of Public Health, University of Colorado
20. Center for the Promotion of Health in the New England Workplace
21. Center for Violence Prevention, University of Texas Medical Branch
22. Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health
23. College of Population Health at the University of New Mexico
24. College of Public Health and Human Sciences, Oregon State University
25. Colorado Livestock Association
26. Colorado State University
27. CUNY Graduate School of Public Health & Health Policy
28. Deep South Center ERC, University of Alabama at Birmingham
29. Department of Environmental and Occupational Health, Colorado School of Public Health, University of Colorado
30. Dimensions in Occupational Health and Safety, Inc.
31. ESI2001
32. Fine, Olin & Anderman
33. Fishing Partnership Support Services
34. Great Plains Center for Agricultural Health
35. Greater Cincinnati Occupational Health Center
36. Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health Center for Work, Health, and Well-being
37. Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health Education and Research Center
38. Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health Environmental and Occupational Medicine and Epidemiology Program
39. Healthier Workforce Center of the Midwest
40. HealthPartners Institute
41. High Plains Intermountain Center for Agricultural Health and Safety
42. Human Factors and Ergonomics Society

43. International Society for Agricultural Safety and Health
44. Iowa's Center for Agricultural Safety and Health
45. Johns Hopkins Education and Research Center
46. Kelly Webworks
47. Louisiana Forestry Association
48. Maine TREE Foundation
49. Marshfield Clinic Health System
50. Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association
51. Metropolitan Washington Association of Occupational Health Nurses, Inc.
52. Migrant Clinicians Network
53. National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety
54. National Education Center for Agricultural Safety (NECAS)
55. National Environmental Health Association
56. National Farm Medicine Center
57. National Safety Council
58. Nebraska Safety Council, Inc.
59. New England College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine
60. New Jersey Public Health Association
61. NEW SOLUTIONS: A Journal of Occupational and Environmental Health Policy
62. New York and New Jersey Education and Research Center
63. New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health
64. New York Farm Bureau
65. Northeast Center for Occupational Health and Safety: Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing
66. Northeast Equipment Dealers Association, Inc.
67. Northern Kentucky University, College of Health and Human Services
68. Occupational and Industrial Orthopedic Center, Graduate Program of Ergonomics and Biomechanics
69. Occupational Knowledge International
70. Oklahoma 4-H - Oklahoma State University
71. Oregon Health & Science University
72. Oregon Healthy Workforce Center
73. Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences
74. Oregon Young Employee Safety Coalition
75. Pacific Northwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center
76. Port Arthur Area Shrimpers' Association
77. Professional Logging Contractors of Maine
78. Rutgers School of Public Health
79. Safety Executives of New York (SENY)
80. Society for Occupational Health Psychology (SOHP)
81. Southwest Center for Occupational and Environmental Health (SWCOEH)
82. St. Louis Area Business Health Coalition
83. Stella Maris - Diocese of Beaumont
84. Sunshine Education and Research Center
85. Texas A&M Transportation Institute
86. Texas Forestry Association
87. Texas Shrimp Association
88. U.S. Dairy Education & Training Consortium
89. United Ministry to the Port of Galveston DBA: Seafarers Center
90. University of Cincinnati Education and Research Center
91. University of Illinois Chicago School of Public Health
92. University of Iowa College of Public Health
93. University of Iowa Labor Center

94. University of Minnesota
95. University of Nebraska Medical Center
96. University of Nebraska Medical Center, College of Public Health, EAOH
97. University of Utah/Weber State University Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational and Environmental Health
98. University of Washington Department of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences
99. University of Washington School of Public Health
100. Upper Midwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center
101. UTHealth School of Public Health
102. Wabe Farm, Hurdle Mills, North Carolina
103. WCF Mutual Insurance Company
104. Western Center for Agricultural Health and Safety
105. Wind of the Spirit, Immigrant Resource Center