

Friends of *NIOSH*

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

The Honorable Robert Aderholt
Chairman, Subcommittee on Labor, Health & Human
Services, Education, & Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives

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

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

Dear Chairwoman Baldwin, Ranking Member Capito, Chairman Aderholt, and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As Congress considers funding priorities for Fiscal Year 2024, 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 FY24 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 164 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 also the only federal research agency responsible for protecting the nation's workers through evidence-based solutions.

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, the state occupational health and safety surveillance programs, and NIOSH Training Program Grants (TPGs). 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.

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 the highest level possible for NIOSH in the Fiscal Year 2024 Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations bill. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Ag Health and Safety Alliance
Agricultural Safety and Health Council of America
Agri-Services Agency LLC
AJ Rosen & Associates LLC
Ak. Marine Safety Education Assn. (AMSEA)
American Bureau of Shipping (ABS)
American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM)
American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA)
American Industrial Hygiene Association Chesapeake Local Section
American Industrial Hygiene Association Chicago Local Section
American Industrial Hygiene Association Iowa-Illinois Local Section
American Nurses Association
American Public Health Association
American Society of Safety Professionals, Philadelphia Chapter
American Thoracic Society
Apostleship of the Sea of the United States of America
Association of Occupational and Environmental Clinics
Association of Occupational Health Professionals in Healthcare
Association of University Programs in Occupational Health and Safety
Atlas Technical Consultants
Barry Commoner Center for Health and the Environment, Queens College, City University of New York
Center for Health and the Environment, University of California, Davis
Center for Occupational Health and Safety Engineering, University of Michigan
Center for Violence Prevention, UTMB Health
Chesapeake ASSP
College of Population Health at the University of New Mexico
College of Public Health and Human Sciences, Oregon State University
College of Public Health, University of Nebraska
Consulting & Testing Services, Inc. (CTSI)
Council for Accreditation in Occupational Hearing Conservation (CAOHC)
CUNY Graduate School of Public Health and Health Policy
Department of Environmental, Occupational and Geospatial Health Sciences, Graduate School of Public Health and Health Policy, City University of New York
Dimensions is Occupational Health and Safety, Inc.
Earmark Hearing Conservation
ESI2001
Fishing Partnership Support Services
Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies, University of Washington
Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health Center for Work, Health, & Well-being
Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health Education and Research Center
Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health Environmental and Occupational Medicine and Epidemiology Program
Health Science Associates
Healthier Workforce Center of the Midwest
HealthPartners Institute
Heartland Center for Occupational Health and Safety

Human Factors and Ergonomics Society
Indorama Ventures
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers L.U. 405
International Safety Equipment Association
Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO
Iowa LECET
ISSA, The Worldwide Cleaning Industry Association
Johns Hopkins Education and Research Center
Johns Hopkins P.O.E. Total Worker Health Center in Mental Health
Journal of Occupational and Environmental Hygiene: JOEH, LLC
Maine TREE Foundation
MARCOEM
Marshfield Clinic Health System
Midwest Consortium for Hazardous Waste Worker Training
Migrant Clinicians Network
National Children's Center for Rural and Ag Health and Safety
National Education Center for Agricultural Safety
National Environmental Health Association
National Farm Medicine Center
National Safety Council
Nebraska Safety Council
New England College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine
New Jersey Work Environment Council
New York / New Jersey Education and Research Center
New York Committee for Occupational Safety and Health
New York Farm Bureau
New York University School of Global Public Health
NJ Public Health Association
North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters
Northeast Dairy Producers Association
Occupational and Industrial Orthopedic Center, Graduate Program of Ergonomics and Biomechanics
Occupational Health Management, PLLC
Occupational Knowledge International
Oregon Healthy Workforce Center
Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences
Oregon Young Employee Safety Coalition
Port Arthur Area Shrimpers' Association
Professional Logging Contractors of Maine
Rockaway Township Division of Health
Rutgers Global Health Institute
Rutgers School of Public Health
Safety Executives of New York
Society for Occupational Health Psychology
Southwest Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, UTHealth Houston School of Public Health
St. Louis Area Business Health Coalition
Stella Maris - Diocese of Beaumont
Texas A&M Transportation Institute
Texas Forestry Association
Texas Shrimp Association
The Lippy Group, LLC
The New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health

The Northeast Center for Occupational Health and Safety
The Windsor Consulting Group, Inc.
Triumvirate Environmental Inc.
U.S. Dairy Education & Training Consortium
University of California, San Francisco
University of Iowa College of Public Health
University of Utah Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational and Environmental Health
University of Washington School of Public Health
Upper Midwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center (UMASH)
Wabee Farm
Washington Area Wellness Coalition
WCF Mutual Insurance Company
Western Center for Agricultural Health and Safety
Wind of the Spirit Immigrant Resource Center
WorkWell Kansas