

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 2025, 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 Fiscal Year 2025 Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations Bill. This funding is necessary for NIOSH to sustain current activities and further sustained investment above this level is essential to ensure NIOSH fully achieves the mission Congress has authorized and mandated the agency to pursue.

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. 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 2025 Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations bill. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

1. AbbVie Inc
2. Ag Health and Safety Alliance
3. Agricultural Safety and Health Council of America (ASHCA)
4. Alaska Marine Safety Education Association (AMSEA)
5. Alaska Safety Alliance
6. American Bureau of Shipping (ABS)
7. American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM)
8. American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA)
9. American Industrial Hygiene Association Chesapeake Local Section
10. American Industrial Hygiene Association: Iowa/Illinois Local Section
11. American Nurses Association
12. American Public Health Association
13. American Seafoods Company
14. American Thoracic Society
15. Apostleship of the Sea of the United States of America
16. Association of Occupational and Environmental Clinics
17. Association of Occupational Health Professionals in Healthcare (AOHP)
18. Association of University Programs in Occupational Health and Safety (AUPOHS)
19. Assured Health and Safety Solutions, LLC
20. Center for Health and the Environment, University of California, Davis
21. Center for Health, Work & Environment, Colorado School of Public Health
22. Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health
23. Chevron
24. College of Public Health, University of Nebraska
25. Council for Accreditation in Occupational Hearing Conservation (CAOHC)
26. Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists
27. CTSI
28. CUNY School of Public Health and Health Policy
29. Dimensions in Occupational Health and Safety, Inc.
30. Division of Hospital Medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine
31. ErgoFit Consulting, Inc.
32. ESI2001
33. Fishing Partnership Support Services
34. Great Plains Center for Agricultural Health
35. Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health Department of Environmental Health
36. Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health Center for Work, Health, and Well-being
37. Harvard T.H. Chan Occupational & Environmental Medicine Residency
38. Harvard T.H. Chan Education and Research Center for Occupational Health and Safety
39. Health Science Associates
40. Healthier Workforce Center of the Midwest
41. HealthPartners Institute
42. Heartland Center for Occupational Health and Safety
43. Human Factors and Ergonomics Society
44. IBEW Local 405
45. IBEW Local Union #347

46. IBEW Local Union 231
47. IBEW Local Union 288
48. Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO
49. Iowa IBEW State Conference
50. Iowa State Conference of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
51. Iowa's Center for Agricultural Safety and Health
52. ISSA, The Worldwide Cleaning Industry Association
53. Laborers International Union of North America Pacific Southwest Region
54. Maine TREE Foundation
55. Maquiladora Health & Safety Support Network, Berkeley, CA
56. Marshfield Clinic Health System
57. Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital
58. MassCOSH - Massachusetts Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health
59. Metro New York AIHA Chapter
60. Midwest Center for Occupational Health and Safety Education and Research Center
61. Midwest Consortium for Hazardous Waste Worker Training
62. Migrant Clinicians Network
63. Mountain and Plains Education and Research Center, Colorado School of Public Health
64. National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety
65. National Education Center for Agricultural Safety
66. National Environmental Health Assn
67. National Farm Medicine Center
68. National Safety Council
69. Nebraska Safety Council
70. NECOEM
71. New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officials (NJACCHO)
72. New Jersey Environmental Health Association
73. New York and New Jersey Education and Research Center
74. NJ Association of County and City Health Officials
75. NJ Local Boards of Health Association
76. NJ Work Environment Council
77. NJPHA
78. Northeast NY Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health (NENYCOSH)
79. Northern California Center of Occupational and Environmental Health
80. NYU School of Global Public Health
81. Occupational Health Management, PLLC
82. Oregon Healthy Workforce Center, Oregon Health & Science University
83. Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences
84. Oregon Occupational Public Health Program
85. Oregon State University College of Health
86. Pacific NW Ergonomics Roundtable
87. Port Arthur Area Shrimpers' Association
88. Port Arthur International Seafarers Center
89. Portland State University Occupational Health Psychology Program
90. Professional Logging Contractors of the Northeast
91. Ramboll Americas Engineering Solutions, Inc.
92. Recovery Friendly New Jersey, Inc.
93. Rockaway Township Division of Health
94. Rutgers School of Public Health
95. Safety Executives of New York
96. Seattle Fishermen's Memorial

97. SEIU United Service Workers West (USWW)
98. Society for Occupational Health Psychology
99. Sound Testing, Inc.
100. St. Thomas East End Medical Center Corporation
101. St. John Rescue
102. Steinway & Sons
103. Stella Maris - Diocese of Beaumont
104. Sunshine Education and Research Center
105. Texas A&M Transportation Institute
106. Texas Forestry Association
107. The Lippy Group, LLC
108. The New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health
109. The Northeast Center for Occupational Health and Safety: Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing
110. The Windsor Consulting Group, Inc.
111. United Food and Commercial Workers International Union
112. United Select Risk Management
113. University of California San Francisco/Hospital Medicine Reengineering Network
114. University of Illinois Chicago Center for Farmworker Health and Well-being
115. University of Iowa College of Public Health
116. University of Michigan Center for Occupational Health and Safety Engineering
117. University of Nebraska Medical Center, College of Public Health
118. University of Nebraska Medical Center, Department of Environmental, Agricultural and Occupational Health
119. University of New Mexico College of Population Health
120. University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
121. University of Utah/Weber State University's Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational and Environmental Health
122. University of Washington Department of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences
123. Upper Midwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center
124. Verdi Technology, Inc.
125. Wabee Farm
126. Washington University in St. Louis Office of Environmental Health and Safety
127. WCF Mutual Insurance Company
128. Western Center for Agricultural Health and Safety
129. Wind of the Spirit, Immigrant Resource Center
130. Yakutat Fire Dept. - Yakutat, Alaska