

Friends of *NIOSH*

April 30, 2019

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
Chairman, 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

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

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

As Congress considers funding priorities for Fiscal Year 2020, the *Friends of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)* strongly urges you to provide at least \$346.3 million for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

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 2020 budget request significantly cuts NIOSH, eliminating or severely cutting 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 harm 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 services to U.S. businesses, and may ultimately raise health care costs for businesses and consumers.

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 \$346.3 million for NIOSH in the Fiscal Year 2020 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. Alliance of Hazardous Materials Professionals (AHMP)
6. American Association of Occupational Health Nurses (AAOHN)
7. American Board of Industrial Hygiene® (ABIH®)
8. American Board for Occupational Health Nurses, Inc. (ABOHN)
9. American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA)
10. American Industrial Hygiene Association – Gulf Coast Section
11. American Industrial Hygiene Association – Iowa/Illinois Local Section
12. American Industrial Hygiene Association – Lehigh Valley Local Section
13. American Industrial Hygiene Association – Nebraska-Western Iowa Local Section
14. American Industrial Hygiene Association – New England Section
15. American Industrial Hygiene Association – New Jersey Section
16. American Industrial Hygiene Association – Ohio Valley Section
17. American Industrial Hygiene Association – Orange County Local Section
18. American Industrial Hygiene Association – Rocky Mountain Section
19. American Industrial Hygiene Association – Sabine Neches Section
20. American Industrial Hygiene Association – Sacramento Valley Section
21. American Nurses Association
22. American Public Health Association
23. American Thoracic Society
24. Arkansas Timber Producers Association
25. Association of Occupational and Environmental Clinics (AOEC)
26. Association of Occupational Health Professionals in Healthcare (AOHP)
27. Association of University Programs in Occupational Health and Safety
28. Axion Health, Inc.
29. Bassett Healthcare Network
30. Board of Certified Safety Professionals (BCSP)
31. California Industrial Hygiene Council
32. Center for Excellence in Environmental Health and Safety at Boise State University
33. Center for Health and the Environment, University of California, Davis
34. Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, University of California, Berkeley
35. Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, University of California, Davis
36. Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, University of California, Irvine
37. Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, University of California, Los Angeles
38. Central Appalachian Regional Education and Research Center
39. Cincinnati AFL-CIO Labor Council
40. Cincinnati Labor Agency for Social Services

41. City University of New York School of Public Health
42. College of Population Health at the University of New Mexico
43. College of Public Health & Human Sciences, Oregon State University
44. Colorado Livestock Association
45. Colorado School of Public Health's Center for Health, Work and Environment
46. Colorado School of Public Health, CU Anschutz
47. Colorado School of Public Health Occupational and Environmental Medicine Residency Program
48. Colorado State University, Department of Environmental and Radiological Health Sciences
49. Community Health Partnership of Illinois
50. Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists
51. Dana Farber Cancer Institute
52. Danaher Water Quality Group
53. Department of Environmental Sciences and Engineering, Gillings School of Global Public Health, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
54. Dimensions in Occupational Health & Safety, Inc.
55. Division of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences, Department of Medicine, National Jewish Health
56. EE Cruz Co. Inc.
57. Emergency Safety Instruction 2001
58. Environmental Health Sciences Graduate Program, University California Irvine
59. ERS International
60. Fe y Justicia Worker Center
61. FGasperini Associates, LLC
62. Fine, Olin, & Anderman, LLP
63. Fishing Partnership Support Services
64. Gillings School of Global Public Health, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
65. Graduate Program of Ergonomics and Biomechanics, New York University
66. Great Plains Center for Agricultural Health
67. Greater Cincinnati Occupational Health Center (GCOHC)
68. Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies, University of Washington
69. Harvard T.H. Chan Education and Research Center for Occupational Safety and Health
70. Harvard T.H. Chan Center for Work, Health, and Wellbeing
71. Health Links
72. Health Science Associates
73. Healthier Workforce Center of the Midwest
74. Heartland Center for Occupational Health and Safety
75. High Plains Intermountain Center for Agricultural Health and Safety
76. Human Factors and Ergonomic Society (HFES)
77. Institute for Safety and Health Management (ISHM)
78. International Association of Fire Fighters
79. International Chemical Workers Union Council (ICWUC)
80. International System Safety Society
81. Intrinsic, Ltd.
82. Iowa's Center for Agricultural Safety and Health (I-CASH)
83. Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO
84. Island Insurance Companies
85. Labor Occupational Health Program, UC Berkeley
86. Louisiana Forestry Association
87. MAFO, Inc.
88. Massachusetts Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health, Inc. (MassCOSH)

89. Midwest Consortium for Hazardous Waste Worker Training
90. Migrant Clinicians Network
91. Minnesota Association of Occupational Health Nurses (MAOHN)
92. Mountain and Plains Education and Research Center, Colorado School of Public Health
93. New Jersey American Society of Safety Professionals
94. National Center for Farmworker Health
95. National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Safety and Health
96. National Education Center for Agricultural Safety (NECAS)
97. National Environmental Health Association
98. National Farm Medicine Center, Marshfield Clinic Research Institute
99. National Safety Council
100. Nebraska Safety Council
101. New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officials
102. New Jersey Public Health Association
103. New Jersey Society for Public Health Education (NJ SOPHE)
104. New Solutions: A Journal of Environmental and Occupational Health Policy
105. New York New Jersey Education and Research Center
106. The New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health
107. New York Farm Bureau
108. NMSU Dairy Extension
109. Northern Kentucky University College of Health and Human Services
110. Northeast Center for Occupational Health and Safety: Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing
111. Northeast Equipment Dealers Association Inc.
112. North Carolina Occupational Safety and Health Education and Research Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
113. Occupational and Environmental Health and Safety Education and Research Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago
114. Occupational Medicine Residency Program at University of California Irvine
115. Oregon Healthy Workforce Center
116. Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences, Oregon Health & Science University
117. Pacific Northwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center
118. Pinnacle Assurance
119. Portland State University Occupational Health Psychology Program
120. Professional Logging Contractors of Maine
121. Public Employees Safety Association of Maryland (PESA)
122. Public Health Workforce Development, Rutgers School of Public Health
123. Rockaway Township Division of Health
124. Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational and Environmental Health
125. Safety Executives of New York (SENY)
126. Saint Louis Area Business Health Coalition (BHC)
127. Saint Louis University, Doisy College of Health Sciences
128. Selikoff Centers for Occupational Health, Department of Environmental Medicine and Public Health, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
129. Simmons University School of Nursing
130. Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology (SIOP)
131. Society for Occupational Health Psychology
132. Southeast Center for Agricultural Health and Injury Prevention
133. Southern California Education and Research Center, University of California, Los Angeles and Irvine
134. Southwest Center for Occupational and Environmental Health (SWCOEH)
135. Sunshine Education and Research Center

136. Texas A&M Transportation Institute
137. Texas College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine
138. UCLA Labor Occupational Safety & Health Program
139. UTHealth School of Public Health
140. Universidad Ana G. Mendez – Cupey Campus
141. University of California Los Angeles, Department of Environmental Health Sciences
142. University of Cincinnati Education and Research Center
143. University of Houston Clear Lake Occupational Safety & Health Program
144. University of Iowa College of Public Health
145. University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine
146. University of Minnesota, Midwest Center for Occupational Health and Safety Education and Research Center
147. University of Minnesota School of Public Health
148. University of Nebraska Medical Center, College of Public Health
149. University of Washington Department of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences
150. University of Washington School of Public Health
151. Upper Midwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center
152. U.S. Dairy Education and Training Consortium
153. WCF Mutual Insurance Company
154. Western Center for Agricultural Health & Safety
155. Wind of the Spirit, Immigrant Resource Center
156. Worksafe Iowa