

Friends of NIOSH

Chairman Dennis Rehberg
House Appropriations Subcommittee on
Labor, HHS, Education
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro
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Dear Chairman Rehberg and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As Congress considers funding priorities for the coming fiscal year, the **Friends of NIOSH** strongly urges you to preserve the funding for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

The Friends of NIOSH is a coalition of industry, labor, education and scientific organizations that are dedicated to research and prevention of occupational injuries and illness and committed to the training of occupational health professionals. Our broad coalition of stakeholders understands the value of research, education and occupational illness prevention from many perspectives, including the labor, academic and business communities. It is with our shared support for occupational research, education and prevention programs that we urge you to preserve funding for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

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 workers to place their health and well being at risk, we believe strongly that all occupations can be made safer through research, education and training.

Workplace surveillance is needed to understand which occupations are at high risk and how those risks change over time. Systems research is needed to analyze what those risks are and what intervening steps can be taken to reduce risk. Research is also needed to develop better technologies to protect American men and women who work in potentially hazardous environments. Education is needed to provide the American workforce with the safety skills they need to be productive and safe. Training support is needed to develop the next generation of physicians, nurses, researchers and other health professionals who are skilled in occupational health.

NIOSH understands these needs and has developed programs like the Education and Research Centers (ERCs) and the Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing Program (AFF) to meet the needs of the American work force. Without these NIOSH supported programs, the American worker and the American public will be at risk for illness and injury while on the job.

Please stand up for the health and safety of the American workforce and preserve funding for NIOSH and its programs in Fiscal Year 2011 and 2012.

Sincerely,

AFL-CIO Cincinnati Labor Council
AgriSafe Network
American Association of Occupational Health Nurses (AAOHN)
American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM)
American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH)
American Industrial Hygiene Association
American Industrial Hygiene Association Florida Local Section
American Industrial Hygiene Association - Rocky Mountain Section (AIHA RMS)
American Nurses Association
American Psychological Association
American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE)
American Society for Safety Engineers – Colorado Chapter
American Thoracic Society
Arkansas COSH
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools
Association of University Programs in Occupational Health and Safety
AhEeCOSH
Auburn University student chapter of the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society
Building Environment Council of Ohio
Center for Occupational and Environmental Health at UC Davis
Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, University of California, Irvine
Central Ohio Chapter of HFES
Central State University
Central State University, Manufacturing Engineering Department
Central State University International Center for Water Resources Management
Cincinnati Interfaith Workers Center
Coactive Distributed Intelligence, LLC
Colorado School of Public Health
Construction Safety Council
Deep South Center for Occupational Health and Safety
Department of Environmental Health at the University of Cincinnati, College of Medicine
Dorris and Associates International LLC
Environmental and Occupational Medicine and Epidemiology Program of the Harvard School of
Public Health
Farm Safety 4 Just Kids
Futura Industries
Great Plains Center for Agricultural Health
Harvard Education and Research Center
Heartland Center for Occupational Health and Safety
Health and Safety Services, Inc.
Healthy Housing Solutions, Inc.
High Plains Intermountain Center for Agricultural Health and Safety
Human Factors and Ergonomics Society
Illinois Occupational and Environmental Health and Safety Education and Research Center
International Association of Fire Fighters
International Chemical Workers Union Council

Johns Hopkins Center for Injury Research and Policy
Johns Hopkins Education and Research Center
The Metro New York section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association
Midstate Education & Service Foundation
Midwest Consortium for Hazardous Waste Worker Training
Misener Marine Construction
Mountain and Plains Education and Research Center
National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum
The National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE)
The National Center for Healthy Housing
National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety
National Education Center for Agricultural Safety (NECAS)
National Farm Medicine Center
National Healthy Nail Salon Alliance
National Safety Council
National Volunteer Fire Council
Neptune Technology Group Inc
New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health (NYCAMH)
New York / New Jersey Education and Research Center
New Jersey Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers (NJASSE)
North Carolina Occupational Safety and Health and Education and Research Center
Northern California Education and Research Center
Northwest Center for Occupational Health and Safety
Occupational and Environmental Health and Safety Education and Research Center at the
University of Illinois at Chicago
Pacific Northwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center
Professional Staff Congress of the City University of New York (L. 2334, AFT)
Progressive Agriculture Foundation
Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® Program
Rail Workers Hazardous Material Training Program
RF Moreland, LLC
RMEC Environmental, Inc.
Rocky Mountain Academy of Occupational and Environmental Medicine
Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational and Environmental Health
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
South Florida Interfaith Worker Justice
Southeast Center for Agriculture Health and Injury Prevention
Southern California Education and Research Center
Southwest Center for Occupational and Environmental Health
Sunshine Education and Research Center
Tennessee Valley Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association
University of Minnesota Midwest Center for Occupational Health and Safety Education and
Research Center
University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey -School of Public Health, Office of Public
Health Practice
United Steelworkers

University of Cincinnati
University of Cincinnati Center of Excellence for Sustaining the Urban Environment
University of Cincinnati Education and Research Center
University of Cincinnati student chapter of AIHA (ucAIHA)
University of Cincinnati student chapter of the American Association of Aerosol Research
University of Iowa College of Public Health
University of Kentucky College of Education
University of Kentucky College of Nursing
University of Kentucky College of Public Health
University of Kentucky College of Social Work
University of Michigan Center for Occupational Safety and Health Engineering
University of Minnesota-School of Public Health
University of Minnesota-School of Public Health
University of Washington Department of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences
University of Washington School of Public Health
Utah Trucking Association
Western Center for Agricultural Health and Safety
Western Occupational & Environmental Medical Association (WOEMA)
Women's Voices for the Earth
Workers Compensation Fund
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