

# *Friends of NIOSH*

Chairman Tom Harkin  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Labor, HHS, Education  
Washington, DC 20510

Ranking Member Richard Shelby  
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Dear Chairman Harkin and Ranking Member Shelby:

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  
Worksafe  
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