

Friends of NIOSH

Chairman Roy Blunt
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on
Labor, HHS, Education
Washington, DC 20510

Ranking Member Patty Murray
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Dear Chairman Blunt and Ranking Member Murray:

As Congress considers funding priorities for Fiscal Year 2016, the *Friends of NIOSH* strongly urges you to include at least the Fiscal Year 2015 level of \$334.863 million for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). 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.

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

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. The elimination of these NIOSH supported programs as proposed in the President's fiscal 2016 budget, 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 educational services to over 10,000 U.S. businesses, and ultimately raise health care costs.

In order to maintain the health and safety of the American workforce, we ask that you include at least the Fiscal Year 2015 level of funding for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) in the Fiscal Year 2016 Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations bill. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

1. 9HealthFair, Colorado
2. Agfinity, Inc.

3. AgriSafe Network, Inc.
4. Agri-Services Agency LLC
5. Agriwellness, Inc.
6. Agricultural Safety and Health Council of America
7. Air Force Institute of Technology, Graduate School of Engineering and Management
8. Alabama Local Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association
9. Alaska Marine Safety Education Association (AMSEA)
10. Alpha Technology
11. American Association of Occupational Health Nurses (AAOHN)
12. American Board of Industrial Hygiene
13. American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM)
14. American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH®)
15. American Industrial Hygiene Association
16. American Industrial Hygiene Association – Carolinas Section
17. American Industrial Hygiene Association – Chicago Section
18. American Industrial Hygiene Association, Kentuckiana local section
19. American Industrial Hygiene Association - Rocky Mountain Section
20. American Industrial Hygiene Association - Sabine Neches Section
21. American Industrial Hygiene Association Student Chapter at the University of Alabama at Birmingham
22. American Nurses Association
23. American Public Health Association
24. American Society of Safety Engineers
25. American Thoracic Society
26. Approach Management Services
27. Arkansas Farm Bureau
28. Arkansas Timber Producers Association
29. Associates in Occupational + Environmental Health, LLC
30. Association of Occupational Health Professionals in Healthcare (AOHP)
31. Atlantic OSHA Training Center, PR, Universidad Metropolitana, San Juan, Puerto Rico
32. Aurora Organic Dairy
33. Axion Health, Inc.
34. Bassett Healthcare Network
35. Boise State University, School of Allied Health Sciences, Environmental and Occupational Health Program
36. California State Association of Occupational Health Nurses
37. California Central Coast Association of Occupational Health Nurses (CCCAOHN)
38. California El Camino Real Association of Occupational Health Nurses (CECRAOHN)
39. California Harbor Area Association of Occupational Health Nurses
40. California Industrial Hygiene Council
41. Center for Effective Government
42. Center for Health, Work and Environment, Colorado School of Public Health
43. Center for Infectious Disease Research
44. Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, University of California, Irvine
45. Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, University of California, Los Angeles
46. Central Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Health Physics Society

47. Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health (CS-CASH)
48. Central States Occupational and Environmental Medical Association (CSOEMA)
49. Colorado Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers
50. Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention
51. Colorado Livestock Association
52. Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT)
53. Colorado School of Public Health Occupational and Environmental Medicine Residency Program
54. Colorado Small Business Development Center Network
55. Colorado State University
56. Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences
57. Colorado State University Department of Animal Science
58. Communications Workers of America
59. Culinary Health Fund
60. Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
61. Deep South Center for Occupational Health and Safety
62. DeLaval, Inc.
63. Department of Environmental Health, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine
64. Department of Environmental and Occupational Health, Colorado School of Public Health
65. Department of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences, University of Washington
66. Department of Environmental Health Sciences, University of Alabama at Birmingham
67. Department of Environmental and Radiological Health Sciences, Colorado State University
68. Dimensions OHS
69. Division of Occupational Medicine, Denver Health and Hospital Authority
70. Eastern Colorado Farm Safety 4 Just Kids
71. Empire State Forest Products Association
72. Environmental and Occupational Medicine and Epidemiology Program of the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health
73. Environmental, Health, Safety and Sustainability Consulting (EORM)
74. Environmental Management Institute
75. Ergonomic Technologies Corp
76. ESI2001
77. Farm Family Insurance
78. Farm Safety For Just Kids
79. Fishing Partnership Support Services
80. Golden Aluminum Inc.
81. Good Old Lower East Side Inc. (GOLES)
82. Grain Handling Safety Coalition (GHSC)
83. Great Plains Center for Agricultural Health
84. Hammink Dairy
85. Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies, University of Washington
86. Harvard Education and Research Center for Occupational Health and Safety
87. Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health Center for Work, Health, and Wellbeing
88. Health Links Colorado
89. Healthy Communities Coalition of Eagle County, Colorado
90. Heartland Center for Occupational Health and Safety

91. High Plains Intermountain Center for Agricultural Health and Safety
92. Hilltop Dairy
93. Human Factors and Ergonomics Society (HFES)
94. Iowa's Center for Agricultural Safety and Health (I-CASH)
95. Informed Green Solutions
96. International Association of Fire Chiefs
97. International Association of Fire Fighters
98. International Chemical Workers Union Council (ICWUC)
99. Intrinsic Environmental Sciences (US) Inc
100. inXsol, LLC - eLearning, Simulations, and Edutainment
101. Iowa/Illinois American Industrial Hygiene Association Local Section
102. Island Insurance Company, Ltd.
103. JK, Inc.
104. Johns Hopkins Education and Research Center for Occupational Safety and Health
105. La Luna Dairy
106. Labor Occupational Health Program, Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, UC Berkeley
107. Laboratory for Occupational Immunotoxicology, Department of Medicine, School of Medicine, University of Colorado Denver, Anschutz Medical Campus
108. Maine Labor Group on Health
109. MediSHARE Environmental Health & Safety Services
110. Metropolitan Washington Association of Occupational Health Nurses, Inc.
111. Michigan Center for Occupational Safety and Health Engineering
112. Midwest Consortium for Hazardous Waste Worker Training
113. Migrant Clinicians Network
114. Mind Body Clinical Research Center
115. Minnesota Association of Occupational Health Nurses
116. Monte Vista Dairy, LLC
117. Montana Tech School of Mines and Engineering
118. Mount Sinai Selikoff Centers for Occupational Health
119. Mountain and Plains Education and Research Center
120. M.R.S. OSHA Safety, Inc.
121. National Center for Farmworker Health, Inc.
122. National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Safety and Health
123. National Council for Occupational Safety and Health
124. National Economic and Social Rights Initiative (NESRI)
125. National Education Center for Agricultural Safety (NECAS)
126. National Farm Medicine Center, Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation
127. National Safety Council
128. Nationwide Insurance
129. New Belgium Brewing Company
130. New Solutions, A Journal of Environmental and Occupational Health Policy
131. New York New Jersey Education and Research Center
132. The New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health
133. New York Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (NYCOSH)
134. New York Farm Bureau

135. NMSU Dairy Extension
136. Northeast Center for Occupational Health and Safety
137. NorthEast New York Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health (NENYCOSH)
138. North Carolina Association of Occupational Health Nurses
139. North Carolina Occupational Safety and Health and Education and Research Center
140. North Dakota State University Extension
141. Northeast Iowa Association of Occupational Health Nurses
142. Northern California Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, University of California, Berkeley, Davis, and San Francisco
143. OAI, Inc.
144. Occupational and Environmental Health and Safety Education and Research Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago
145. Occupational and Environmental Medicine Association of New Jersey
146. Occupational and Environmental Medicine Residency Program, University of California, Irvine
147. Off Soundings LLC
148. Office of Public Health Practice, Rutgers School of Public Health
149. Old Dominion University Psychology Department
150. Pacific Northwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center
151. Pacific Northwest Section, American Industrial Hygiene Association
152. Pennsylvania Occupational and Environmental Medicine Society
153. Philadelphia Area Project on Occupational Safety and Health (PhilaPOSH)
154. Philadelphia Section, American Industrial Hygiene Association
155. Pinnacol Assurance
156. Puget Sound Shipbuilders Association (PSSA)
157. Purdue University School of Health Sciences
158. RICOSH
159. Rocky Mountain Academy of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, Inc.
160. Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational and Environmental Health (RMCOEH)
161. SDSU Extension
162. Seattle Fishermen's Memorial
163. Sentis Inc., USA
164. SMART Association
165. Southern California Education and Research Center, University of California, Los Angeles and Irvine
166. Southwest Center for Occupational and Environmental Health
167. Sunshine Education and Research Center at the University of South Florida
168. Texas College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine
169. TNG-CWA Local 38010
170. Toxicology Research Center, University at Buffalo
171. Unite HERE Culinary Workers Union Local 226, Las Vegas
172. UNITE HERE International Union
173. University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Public Health
174. University of Connecticut
175. University of Cincinnati Education and Research Center
176. University of Findlay, Environmental, Safety & Occupational Health Programs

177. University of Iowa College of Public Health
178. University of Kentucky College of Public Health
179. University of Minnesota Division of Environmental Health Sciences, School of Public Health
180. University of Minnesota, Midwest Center for Occupational Health and Safety (MCOHS) Education and Research Center (ERC)
181. University of Minnesota School of Public Health
182. University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Public Health
183. University of North Alabama, Department of Chemistry and Industrial Hygiene
184. University of Toledo Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine
185. University of Washington School of Public Health
186. Upper Midwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center
187. USW local 9231
188. Utah State University
189. Washington State University College of Nursing
190. Western Occupational & Environmental Medical Association (WOEMA)
191. Western New York Association of Occupational Health Nurses
192. Workers Compensation Fund (Utah)
193. Worksafe Colorado
194. Worksafe, Inc.
195. Worksafe Iowa
196. Y-stress Inc.
197. Zoetis