

Friends of *NIOSH*

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The Honorable Roy Blunt
Chairman, Subcommittee on Labor, Health &
Human Services, Education, &
Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Labor,
Health and Human Services, Education, &
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman, Subcommittee on Labor, Health &
Human Services, Education, &
Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Labor,
Health & Human Services, Education, &
Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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

As Congress finalizes funding priorities for Fiscal Year 2018, the *Friends of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health* strongly urges you to include at least \$335.2 million for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), the same as the FY18 Senate Appropriations Committee level and the FY17 enacted level.

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 2018 budget request significantly cuts NIOSH, eliminating 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 cripple

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.

35. Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, University of California, Davis
36. Central Appalachian Regional Education and Research Center
37. Central Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Health Physics Society
38. Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health (CS-CASH)
39. Chicago Federation of Labor
40. Collegium Ramazzini
41. Colorado Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers
42. Colorado School of Public Health's Center for Health, Work and Environment
43. Colorado School of Public Health, CU Anschutz
44. Colorado School of Public Health Occupational and Environmental Medicine Residency Program
45. Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences
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78. Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO
79. International Association of Fire Fighters
80. International Chemical Workers Union Council (ICWUC)
81. International Society for Agricultural Safety and Health
82. Johns Hopkins Center for Injury Research and Policy
83. Johns Hopkins Education and Research Center for Occupational Safety and Health
84. Johns Hopkins Institute for Health and Social Policy
85. Labor Occupational Health Program, UC Berkeley
86. LiUNA!-Midwest Region
87. Midwest Consortium for Hazardous Waste Worker Training
88. Migrant Clinicians Network
89. Minnesota Association of Occupational Health Nurses
90. Montana Tech School of Mines and Engineering
91. Mountain and Plains Education and Research Center, Colorado School of Public Health
92. National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Safety and Health
93. National Council for Occupational Safety and Health (National COSH)
94. National Education Center for Agricultural Safety (NECAS)
95. National Farm Medicine Center, Marshfield Clinic Research Institute
96. National Safety Council
97. Nationwide Insurance
98. Nevada Public Health Association
99. New England College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (NECOEM)
100. New Solutions: A Journal of Environmental and Occupational Health Policy
101. New York Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (NYCOSH)
102. New York New Jersey Education and Research Center
103. The New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health
104. New York City District Council of Carpenters Apprenticeship Journeyman Retraining Educational and Industry Fund
105. New York Farm Bureau
106. NMSU Dairy Extension
107. Northeast Center for Occupational Health and Safety: Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing
108. Northeast Iowa Association of Occupational Health Nurses
109. NorthEast New York Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health (NENYCOSH)
110. Northwest Association of Occupational and Environmental Medicine
111. Northwest Center for Occupational Health and Safety
112. North Carolina Occupational Safety and Health and Education and Research Center
113. Northern California Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, University of California, Berkeley, Davis, and San Francisco
114. Occupational and Environmental Health and Safety Education and Research Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago
115. Occupational & Environmental Health Resources, Inc., dba MediSHARE Environmental Health & Safety Services
116. Occupational and Environmental Medicine and Epidemiology Program, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health
117. Occupational Safety and Health Engineering MS Program, New Jersey Institute of Technology
118. Office of Public Health Practice, Rutgers School of Public Health
119. Pacific Northwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center
120. Pinnacol Assurance

121. Portland State University Occupational Health Psychology Program
122. Professional Logging Contractors of Maine
123. Puget Sound Shipbuilders Association (PSSA)
124. Rocky Mountain Academy of Occupational and Environmental Medicine
125. School of Health Sciences, College of Health and Human Sciences, Purdue University
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