

Friends of NIOSH

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

Ranking Member Jerry Moran
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Dear Chairman Harkin and Ranking Member Moran:

As Congress considers funding priorities for Fiscal Year 2014, the *Friends of NIOSH* strongly urges you to include at least the Fiscal Year 2012 level for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). NIOSH, within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 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 well being 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 2014 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 2012 level of funding in the Fiscal Year 2014 Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations bill for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

1. Advanced Home Care
2. AFL-CIO
3. AgriSafe Nebraska
4. AgriSafe Network
5. Agri-Services Agency
6. Agricultural Safety and Health Council of America
7. Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
8. Alabama Local American Industrial Hygiene Association
9. AllOne Health Resources
10. American Industrial Hygiene Association SVS local section
11. American Association of Occupational Health Nurses (AAOHN)
12. American College of Medical Toxicology
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 – Chicago Section
17. American Nurses Association
18. American Public Health Association
19. American Society of Safety Engineers
20. American Society of Safety Engineers at University of Alabama at Birmingham
21. American Thoracic Society
22. ArcelorMittal Steel
23. Aria Environmental, Inc.
24. Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation
25. Arkansas Timber Producers Association
26. ARS Environmental Health, Inc.
27. Association of Occupational Health Professionals in Healthcare (AOHP), North Carolina Chapter
28. Austin, Texas Chapter of Association of Occupational Health Nurses
29. Axalta DPC
30. Axion Health, Inc.
31. Barnes-Jewish Hospital
32. Bassett Research Institute
33. Bassett Healthcare Network
34. Beloit Health System
35. Board of the Pennsylvania Occupational Medicine Society
36. California Central Coast Association of Occupational Health Nurses (CCCAOHN)
37. California El Camino Real Association of Occupational Health Nurses (CECRAOHN)
38. California Farm Labor Contractor Association
39. California Harbor Area Association of Occupational Health Nurses
40. California Industrial Hygiene Council
41. California State Association of Occupational Health Nurses
42. Canadian Agricultural Safety Association
43. Center for Health and the Environment, University of California, Davis
44. Center for Occupational and Environmental Health Southern California
45. Center For Worker Health and Environment, Colorado School of Public Health

46. Central Alabama Association of Occupational Health Nurses
47. Central Florida Association of Occupational Health Nurses (CFAOHN)
48. Central Ohio Local Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association
49. Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health
50. Central Virginia Association of Occupational Health Nurses
51. Cincinnati Health Department
52. Citizens Environment Alliance of Southeast Michigan
53. College of Health and Human Sciences, Purdue University
54. Colorado Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers
55. Colorado Occupational Medical Residency
56. Communications Workers of America
57. Culinary Health Fund
58. Deep South Center for Occupational Health and Safety
59. Delaware Local Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association
60. Department of Environmental Health, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine
61. Department of Environmental and Occupational Health, Colorado School of Public Health
62. Department of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences, University of Washington
63. Department of Environmental Health Sciences, University of Alabama at Birmingham
64. Department of Nursing, Worcester State University
65. Department of Work Environment, University of Massachusetts Lowell
66. Designer Built Systems, Inc.
67. Diamond A Farm LLC
68. Dimensions
69. Dominican Sisters of Houston
70. Dulaney Flooring
71. East Penn Manufacturing
72. EBA Financial
73. Emergency Response Solutions at Michigan State University
74. Environmental and Occupational Medicine and Epidemiology Program of the Harvard School of Public Health
75. Environmental and Radiological Health Sciences, Colorado State University
76. Environmental Defense Fund
77. Environmental Health Sciences Graduate Program, Eastern Kentucky University
78. The Environmental Management Institute
79. Ergonomic Technologies Corp
80. Farm Safety For Just Kids
81. Farmworker Association of Florida
82. Farmworker Justice
83. Fe y Justicia Worker Center
84. Florida Local Section, American Industrial Hygiene Association
85. Fire Science & Emergency Management, University of Cincinnati
86. Fit for You, health and wellness
87. Ft. Lauderdale Chapter of the American Association of Occupational Health Nurses
88. Gloucester Fishermen's Wives Association
89. Grain Handling Safety Coalition (GHSC)
90. Great Plains Center for Agricultural Health and Safety

91. Greater Boston Association of Occupational Health Nurses
92. Greater Cincinnati Occupational Health Center
93. Greater Houston Industrial Hygiene Council
94. Harvard Education and Research Center
95. Health Care Without Harm
96. Health Links Colorado
97. Hearing Safety
98. Heartland Center for Occupational Health and Safety
99. HFL, Health for Life
100. High Plains Intermountain Center for Agricultural Health and Safety
101. Holmes Hearing Services
102. Hubble Foundation
103. Human Factors and Ergonomics Society (HFES)
104. Houston Texas Association of Occupational Health Nurses
105. Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
106. Indiana Association of Occupational Health Nurses
107. Industrial Health Council
108. International Association of Fire Fighters
109. International Brotherhood of Teamsters
110. International Chemical Workers Union Council (ICWUC)
111. International Safety Equipment Association
112. International Society for Agricultural Safety and Health (ISASH)
113. Iowa/Illinois American Industrial Hygiene Association Local Section
114. JK, Inc.
115. Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Department of Environmental Health Sciences
116. Just Bill Contractors
117. Knowles Occupational Safety and Health Consulting
118. Lakeshore Technical College, Cleveland, WI
119. Maryland Area Association of Occupational Health Nurses
120. Massachusetts Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health (MassCOSH)
121. Massachusetts Fishermen's Partnership
122. Medishare Environmental Health & Safety Services
123. Metro New York Local Section, American Industrial Hygiene Association
124. Metropolitan Washington Association of Occupational Health Nurses
125. MGRyan & Co., Inc.
126. Michigan Association of Occupational Health Nurses
127. Midwest Consortium for Hazardous Waste Worker Training
128. Migrant Clinicians Network
129. Minnesota Association of Occupational Health Nurses
130. Mountain and Plains Education and Research Center
131. National Center for Healthy Housing
132. National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Safety and Health
133. National Council for Occupational Safety and Health
134. National Education Center for Agricultural Safety (NECAS)
135. National Farm Medicine Center

136. National Farmers Union
137. Natural Resources Defense Council
138. National Safety Council
139. National Volunteer Fire Council
140. Nationwide Insurance
141. Navistar
142. New England College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (NECOEM)
143. New Jersey State Association of Occupational Health Nurses
144. New York and New Jersey Education and Research Center
145. New York Farm Bureau
146. Nevada Health Care Policy Group
147. North Carolina Association of Occupational Health Nurses
148. North Carolina Foothills Association of Occupational Health Nurses
149. North Carolina Occupational Safety and Health and Education and Research Center
150. North Texas Association of Occupational Health Nurses
151. North Texas Chapter of the American Industrial Hygiene Association
152. Northeast Equipment Dealers Association, Inc.
153. Northeast Iowa Association of Occupational Health Nurses
154. Northern California Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association
155. Occupational and Environmental Health and Safety Education and Research Center, University of Illinois at Chicago, School of Public Health
156. Occupational Medicine Residency, Department of Environmental and Occupational Health, Colorado School of Public Health, University of Colorado Denver
157. Occupational Safety and Health Engineering Program, New Jersey Institute of Technology
158. Off Soundings LLC
159. Office of Public Health Practice, UMDNJ-School of Public Health
160. Ohio Valley Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association
161. Oklahoma Local Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association
162. Orange County Local Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association
163. Orange County California Association of Occupational Health Nurses
164. Oregon State Association of Occupational Health Nurses
165. Pacific Northwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center
166. People's Community Health Center
167. Pesticide Action Network North America
168. Philadelphia Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association
169. Pinnacle Assurance
170. Puget Sound Shipbuilders Association (PSSA)
171. Reiter Affiliated Companies
172. Restore Rehabilitation LLC
173. Rewald, Sebranek & Frawley LLC
174. RF Moreland, LLC
175. Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
176. Rocky Mountain Academy of Occupational and Environmental Medicine
177. Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational and Environmental Health (RMCOEH)
178. Rocky Mountain Local Section, American Industrial Hygiene Association

179. Sacramento Valley Section, American Industrial Hygiene Association
180. San Antonio Association of Occupational Health Nurses
181. School of Health Sciences, Purdue University
182. Seattle Fishermen's Memorial
183. Seneca Valley Maryland Association of Occupational Health Nurses
184. Service Employees International Union
185. South Carolina State Association of Occupational Health Nurses
186. Southern Biosafety Association (SBA)
187. Southwest Center for Occupational and Environmental Health
188. Sunshine ERC at the University of South Florida
189. Sycamore Township EMS & Fire Department
190. Tarheel Chapter, Association of Occupational Health Nurses (NCAOHN)
191. Texas College of Occupational and Environment Medicine
192. Texas State Chapter Association of Occupational Health Nurses
193. The Big Garden
194. Two If By SeaFoods
195. UCLA Southern California Education and Research Center
196. United Methodist Ministries
197. United Steel Workers
198. University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Public Health
199. University of California Northern California Center for Occupational and Environmental Health
200. University of Cincinnati Education and Research Center
201. University of Cincinnati Student Chapter, American Association of Aerosol Research
202. University of Cincinnati Student Chapter, American Industrial Hygiene Association
203. University of Cincinnati Student Section of the American Society of Safety Engineers
204. University of Iowa, College of Public Health
205. University of Michigan Center for Occupational Health and Safety Engineering
206. University of Minnesota Midwest Center for Occupational Health and Safety (MCOHS) Education and Research Center (ERC)
207. University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler
208. Upper Midwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center
209. Upper Midwest Local Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association
210. USW local 1010
211. USW local 9231
212. Utah Association Of Occupational Health Nurses (UAOHN)
213. Utah Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association
214. Virginia State Association of Occupational Health Nurses
215. West Virginia University, Department of Mining Engineering
216. Western Occupational & Environmental Medical Association (WOEMA)
217. Western New York Association of Occupational Health Nurses
218. Wisconsin Local Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association
219. WorkCare, Inc.
220. Worksafe, Inc.
221. WORKSAFE IOWA