

Friends of NIOSH

April 8, 2025

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Chair, Subcommittee on Labor, Health & Human
Services, Education, & Related Agencies Committee
on Appropriations
U.S. Senate

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Labor, Health
and Human Services, Education, & Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate

The Honorable Robert Aderholt
Chair, Subcommittee on Labor, Health & Human
Services, Education & Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives

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

Re: Restore NIOSH Staff and Funding

Dear Chair Capito, Ranking Member Baldwin, Chair Aderholt and Ranking Member DeLauro,

The *Friends of NIOSH* is a large coalition of industry, labor, professional, education and scientific organizations that are dedicated to research and prevention of occupational injuries and illness. Our expansive group 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.

This week, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced striking news, instituting layoffs throughout HHS that appear to terminate nearly every member of the 1,000+ person National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) workforce. These cuts are devastating not only to the NIOSH employees who carry out a vital mission every day: preventing workplace injury, illness and death, but also to the millions of American workers whose lives and livelihoods are protected by NIOSH's efforts.

NIOSH protects the nation's 164 million workers and provides the only dedicated federal investment for research needed to prevent injuries and illnesses that cost the US economy \$250 billion annually. Different than the regulatory approach to safety and health, NIOSH works cooperatively with employers and employees to adapt research findings into workable solutions. NIOSH is also the only federal research agency responsible for protecting the nation's workers through evidence-based solutions.

NIOSH research, evaluations and certifications are known by businesses and workers nationwide. NIOSH tackles a voluminous number of challenges, advancing vital efforts that ensure that respirators used by 50 million American workers function effectively, that fire fighters avoid cancer, that coal miners avoid lung disease, that drivers are focused on the road and not distractions, that workplaces address substance use disorders brought about by the growing scourge of opioids, and that the next generation of health and safety professionals are ready to monitor potential occupational health threats at workplaces throughout the country.

This work is carried out in research laboratories across the country, including Alaska, Colorado, Georgia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Washington State and West Virginia. In addition to the impact from the loss of NIOSH's work, communities in each of these states will feel the immediate and long-reaching economic harm of these workforce eliminations.

The health and safety of the American workforce is a shared goal of all 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 the prevention of work-related injuries and illnesses.

We urge you to do everything possible to reverse this misguided move immediately so that NIOSH's vital mission continues, and its workforce can maintain efforts to keep Americans safe and well.

We appreciate your immediate attention to this matter.

cc:

President Donald J. Trump
Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.
Senate Majority Leader John Thune
Senate Minority Leader Charles "Chuck" Schumer
Speaker Mike Johnson
House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries

Sincerely,

1. ABSA International
2. Advisory Board of Finger Lakes Occupational Health Service
3. AFSCME
4. AFT: Education, Healthcare, Public Services
5. Ag Health and Safety Alliance
6. Agile Occupational Medicine Clinics, California
7. Agri-Services Agency
8. Agricultural Safety & Health Council of America
9. Grisafe Network (NPO)
10. Alameda Labor Council, AFL-CIO
11. Alan Ducatman, LLC
12. Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association
13. Alaska Marine Safety Education Association
14. Alaska Sea Grant
15. Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments
16. Alward Fisheries, LLC
17. Amalgamated Transit Union Local 587
18. American Academy of Nursing
19. American Association of Occupational Health Nurses
20. American Association of University Professors
21. American Association of University Professors - Biomedical and Health Sciences of New Jersey (AAUP-BHSNJ) Chapter
22. American Board for Occupational Health Nurses, Inc.
23. American Board of Preventive Medicine
24. American College of Chest Physicians
25. American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine
26. American College of Preventive Medicine
27. American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
28. American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)
29. American Federation of Teachers New Jersey
30. American Industrial Hygiene Association
31. American Medical Manufacturers Association
32. American Psychological Association Services Inc.
33. American Public Health Association
34. American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP)

35. American Thoracic Society
36. Anadromous Adventures Guide Service, LLC
37. Appalachian State University - Behavioral Safety Team of the HR Science Lab
38. Applied Cognitive Sciences
39. Arise Chicago
40. Ashley Analytical Associates
41. Associated Oregon Loggers, Inc.
42. Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs (AFOP)
43. Association of Flight Attendants-CWA
44. Association of Occupational and Environmental Clinics (AOEC)
45. Association of Occupational Health Professionals in Healthcare (AOHP)
46. Association of Safe Patient Handling Professionals (ASPHP)
47. Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health
48. Assured Health and Safety Solutions, LLC
49. Atalaya Search and Rescue
50. Australian Institute of Health and Safety
51. Autoliv
52. Automotive Exoskeleton Group
53. Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers International Union (BCTGM)
54. Bellan Environmental Consulting Group, LLC
55. Bellevue/NYU Occupational Medicine Clinic
56. Benchmark Risk Group
57. Blackburn Occupational Health Specialists LLC
58. Blacks in OEHS Leading Distinctively
59. BLET Iowa State Legislative Board
60. Blue Spruce Safety Services
61. Bluebonnet Counseling Services of South Texas
62. Blueprint for Biosecurity
63. BMC Enterprises
64. Board of Certified Safety Professionals
65. Boston Hernia
66. Boston University
67. Building Skills Partnership
68. CA Fast Food Worker Union
69. California Alliance for Retired Americans
70. California Farm Bureau
71. California Farm Labor Contractor Association
72. California Farmworker Foundation
73. California Teachers Association
74. Campus Safety Health and Environmental Management Association (CSHEMA)
75. Canadian Agricultural Safety Association
76. Casa Latina
77. Srinivas Durgam, CIH, CSP
78. Cell Podium, LLC
79. Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, University of California Irvine
80. Center for Work, Health, and Well-being
81. Centers for Health, Work & Environment, Colorado School of Public Health
82. Central California Environmental Justice Network
83. Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health
84. Centre for Transformative Work Design, Curtin University, Australia
85. CFT, A Union of Educators and Classified Professionals
86. Chicago Jobs with Justice
87. Chicago Women in Trades
88. Chicago Worker Collaborative
89. Chicagoland Roofers JATC
90. Child Labor Coalition

91. Children of Smithfield
92. CIH Services, LLC
93. Citizens for the Extension of the James Zadroga Act
94. City of Tenakee Springs, Alaska
95. Clemson University Industrial Engineering
96. Colden Corporation
97. Collegium Ramazzini
98. Colorado Livestock Association
99. Colorado State University
100. Colorado State University - Extension Behavioral Health Team
101. Comite Civico del Valle
102. Commonweal OEH
103. Communications Workers of America (CWA)
104. Comprehensive Occupational Medical Services
105. Connecticut Council on Occupational Safety and Health
106. Construction Automation and Safety Lab, University of Florida
107. Consulting in Occupational and Environmental Health, LLC
108. COST, Inc. (Jackson, WI)
109. Cottonwood Co-op Oil Company
110. Council for Accreditation in Occupational Hearing Conservation
111. CRLA Foundation
112. CVM-Enterprises, LLC
113. CWA Local 1036
114. CWA Local 1168
115. Decision Point Associates, Inc.
116. Deep South Center ERC - University of Alabama at Birmingham
117. Department of Global, Environmental, and Occupational Health (GEOH) Univ of MD School of Public Health
118. Drexel University, Department of Environmental and Occupational Health
119. Duke University
120. Dusty Rose Farms, Amanda Ohio
121. Duysen Brothers Construction, LLC
122. Eastern Nebraska District, Great Plains United Methodist Church
123. Economic Policy Institute
124. ECOthink Group, LLC
125. EHS Compliance Services Inc.
126. Emergency Response Solutions, International
127. Emmel Operational Medicine
128. Emory University School of Nursing
129. Environmental and Occupational Health Department, California State University Northridge
130. Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences, University of Illinois, Chicago School of Public Health
131. Environmental Health Sciences Department, University of Michigan School of Public Health
132. Environmental Management Institute at Ivy Tech Community College
133. EOHS Associates, LLC
134. ESI2001
135. Evolving Innovation
136. Fishing Vessel (F/V) Polaris, Alaska
137. Fishing Vessel (F/V) Odin Inc., Alaska
138. University of Texas School of Public Health
139. Farmworker and Landscaper Advocacy Project-FLAP
140. Farmworker Association of Florida
141. Fisherman's Quay, LLC/ Fishing Vessel (F/V) Morning Mist
142. Fishing Partnership Support Services
143. FIT DRIVERS
144. Food Chain Workers Alliance
145. GivEand Give, LLC
146. Global Centre for Healthy Workplaces

147. Gordon C. Manin, MD Consulting
148. Grain Handling Safety Council, Inc.
149. Grant and Contract Employees, Mass. Teachers Association, UMass Lowell
150. Great Lakes Center for Farmworker Health and Well-being
151. Great Lakes Center for Occupational Health and Safety
152. Great Plains Center for Agricultural Health, University of Iowa
153. Groundfish Forum
154. Harvard Center for Work, Health, and Well-being
155. Harvard Chan School of Public Health, Occupational Medicine Residency Program
156. Harvard TH Chan Education and Research Center for Occupational Health
157. Harvard University
158. Health & Medicine Policy Research Group
159. Health and Safety Council
160. Health Enhancement Research Organization (HERO)
161. Health Professionals & Allied Employees
162. Healthier Workforce Center of the Midwest, IA, NE, KS, MO
163. HealthPartners Institute
164. Healthy New Orleans
165. Healthy Work Campaign, Center for Social Epidemiology
166. Healthy Work Lab, Washington University in St. Louis
167. Heartland Center for Occupational Safety and Health
168. Heavy Highway Contractors Association
169. Highmark Fisheries, LLC
170. Hillmann Consulting, LLC
171. Historic Trust
172. Hope Renovations
173. HSE Global, US Inc.
174. Human Factors and Ergonomics Society
175. Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
176. ID2 Solutions, LLC
177. Indorama Ventures PCL
178. InnoVent Technology, LLC
179. Institute for Creative Technologies, University of Southern California
180. Institute for Mental Health & Resilience/David Lynch Foundation
181. Institute of Hazardous Materials Management
182. Intercity Transit
183. International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE)
184. International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers
185. International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions
186. International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers
187. International Association of Machinists (IAM) Local 1414
188. International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
189. International Brotherhood of Teamsters
190. International Chemical Workers Union Council
191. International Institute of Risk and Safety Management (IIRSM)
192. International Occupational Hygiene Association (IOHA)
193. International Safety Equipment Association (ISEA)
194. International Society for Agricultural Safety and Health (ISASH)
195. International Society for Respiratory Protection
196. International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers
197. International Union of Roofers, Waterproofers and Allied Workers Local 97 JATC
198. International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW)
199. Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities
200. Iowa Laborers' Education and Training Trust Fund
201. Iowa Municipal Workers' Compensation Association
202. Iowa OSHA Consultation and Education

203. Iowa's Center for Agricultural Safety and Health
204. J3 Group, LLC
205. Johns Hopkins Education and Research center
206. Johnson County Public Health
207. Joy of MN Design
208. Labor Occupational Health Program, UC Berkeley
209. Laborers Local 43
210. Laborers Midwest Region Health and Safety Fund
211. Laborers' International Union of North America
212. Latino Union of Chicago
213. LEA Environmental, LLC
214. Lipsitz Green Scime Cabria, LLC
215. Louisiana Chemical Association
216. M.C. Townsend Associates, LLC
217. Make Listening Safe Workstream- World hearing Forum
218. Make the Road States
219. Make the Road New Jersey
220. Make the Road New York
221. Maple Ridge Dairy Business, LLC
222. Marshfield Clinic Research Institute
223. Maryland Aviation Administration
224. Massachusetts Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health
225. Massachusetts Teachers Association
226. MCAA-Mechanical Contractors Association of America
227. MDC Consulting, Inc.
228. Media Voices for Children
229. Mental Health America
230. Michigan Medicine
231. Middle Tennessee State University
232. Midwest Center for Occupational Health and Safety
233. Midwest Consortium for Hazardous Waste Worker Training
234. Migrant Clinicians Network
235. Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry
236. Missouri Works Initiative
237. Montana Department of Labor & Industry
238. Montana Technological University
239. Moriarty and Associates
240. Mount Sinai Program in Global Mental Health
241. Mountain and Plains Education and Research Center, Colorado School of Public Health
242. Multicultural Institute
243. Murphy Agricultural Safety Consulting, LLC
244. My Family Therapy & Support, PLLC
245. NABET-CWA Local 16, New York
246. National Association of Occupational Health Professionals
247. National Association of Worksite Health Centers
248. National Center for Farmworker Health
249. National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety
250. National Consumers League
251. National Council for Occupational Safety and Health (COSH)
252. National Education Association
253. National Education Center for Agricultural Safety
254. National Employment Law Project
255. National Environmental Health Association
256. National Farm Medicine Center
257. National Hearing Conservation Association
258. National Nurses United

259. National Roofing Contractors of America
260. National Safety Council
261. National Sand, Stone and Gravel Association
262. National Union of Healthcare Workers
263. National Waste & Recycling Association
264. NBS Healthcare Group, LLC
265. NC Agromedicine Institute
266. NC Association of Occupational Health Nurses
267. Nebraska Appleseed
268. Nebraska Scholar Strategy Network
269. Nebraska Title I, Part C Education Program
270. New England College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (NECOEM)
271. New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officials (NJACCHO)
272. New Jersey EMT Registry
273. New Labor
274. New Mexico Occupational Health Surveillance Program
275. New York Committee for Occupational Safety and Health
276. New York Farm Bureau
277. New York and New Jersey Education and Research Center
278. New York State Nurses Association
279. NEXUS HSE
280. NJ Work Environment Council
281. Norm-E-Lane Farm
282. North America's Building Trades Unions
283. North Bay Labor Council
284. North Carolina Orthotics & Prosthetics Group
285. North Carolina Pesticide Safety Education Program
286. North Carolina State University, Occupational Safety and Health Education and Research Center
287. Northeast Association of Occupational Health Nurses
288. Northeast Center for Occupational Health and Safety
289. Northeast NY Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health
290. Northern California Center for Occupational and Environmental Health Continuing Education Program
291. Northern Illinois University, Industrial and Systems Engineering Department
292. Northwell Health
293. Northwest Center for Occupational health and safety
294. NOVA National School of Public Health (Department of Occupational and Environmental Health)
295. Nurse Alliance of SEIU California
296. NurseWorks Northwest
297. NVL Laboratories, Inc.
298. NWI Roofers JATC
299. NYC District Council of Carpenters Training Center
300. OccMedSource, PLLC
301. Occupational Health Connections
302. Occupational Safety and Health Eng., NJ Institute of Technology
303. Occuscreen, LLC
304. OHD, LLP
305. Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons International Association
306. Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries
307. Oregon Healthy Workforce Center
308. Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences
309. Oregon Occupational Public Health Program/Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation Program
310. Oregon Sea Grant
311. Oregon State University, College of Health
312. Organization for Associate Degree Nursing
313. Overboard Solutions, LLC
314. Pacific Northwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center

- 315. Pacifica Social Justice
- 316. Performance Ally
- 317. Philadelphia Area Project on Occupational Safety and Health
- 318. Pigeon Forge Fire Dept
- 319. Pittsville Fire Dept. Inc
- 320. Polar Field Services / Alaska Marine Safety Education Association
- 321. Port Arthur Area Shrimper's Association
- 322. Prime Performance
- 323. Progressive Agriculture Foundation
- 324. Public Health Association of Nebraska
- 325. Puget Sound Fire Department
- 326. R&R Environmental, Inc.
- 327. Raise the Floor Alliance
- 328. Redde Marine Safety
- 329. REPSS, Inc.
- 330. Resilience Force
- 331. RF CUNY
- 332. Risk for Good
- 333. RMEC Environmental, Inc
- 334. Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, University of Utah/Weber State University
- 335. Roofers & Waterproofers Research and Education Joint Trust Fund
- 336. Roofers Local 221 Training Program
- 337. Roofers & Waterproofers Local No.2 JATC
- 338. Roofers Local 4 Apprentice Program
- 339. Roofers Local 119 JATC
- 340. Roofers Local 142 JATC
- 341. Roofers Local 20 Apprenticeship
- 342. Roofers Local 74
- 343. Roofers, Waterproofers & Allied Workers Local 96
- 344. Roofers Local 33 MA, RI, NH ME.
- 345. Routt County Public Health
- 346. Rutgers American Association of University Professors - American Federation of Teachers (AAUP-AFT)
- 347. Rutgers Occupational Training and Education Consortium
- 348. Rutgers School of Public Health
- 349. Sacramento Central Labor Council
- 350. SafeBuild Alliance
- 351. Safety Executives of New York, Inc.
- 352. Safety Northwest, LLC
- 353. Safety-Doc consulting
- 354. SafetyFUNDamentals, LLC
- 355. Safex
- 356. San Francisco Labor Council
- 357. Sarpy and Associates, LLC
- 358. SE Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Association
- 359. SEIU 1199NE
- 360. Service Employees International Union
- 361. SevenGen
- 362. Sheet Metal Occupational Health Institute Trust (SMOHIT)
- 363. Skookum Canvasworks, LLC
- 364. Small Boat Salmon, LLC
- 365. Society for Occupational Health Psychology
- 366. Society for Total Worker Health
- 367. South Snohomish County Fire and Rescue Regional Fire Authority
- 368. Southern California Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health (SoCalCOSH)
- 369. Southern California Roofers & Waterproofers JATC

370. Southern Nevada Roofers and Waterproofers JATC
371. Southwest Center for Occupational and Environmental Health
372. St. Catherine University - Doctor of Physical Therapy Program
373. Statewide Education Organizing Committee
374. Street Level Health Project
375. Sun Specialty Products
376. Sunshine Education and Research Center
377. Suspension Systems Technologies
378. Teamsters Local 911
379. Texas A&M Transportation Institute
380. Texas A&M University, Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering
381. The Association of Union Constructors
382. The College of New Jersey
383. The Labor Institute
384. The Phylmar Group, Inc.
385. The Safety Rack
386. The United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers and Allied Workers Local 162
387. The Urban Health Collaborative
388. The Windsor Consulting Group, Inc.
389. Thomas Rowell Consulting, LLC
390. TOPS in EMERGENCY RESPONSE Inc
391. Trimpey Occupational Medicine, LLC
392. Trinitas Regional Medical Center
393. U.S. Compliance
394. UC Berkeley Labor Center
395. UC Davis Institute of the Environment
396. UCLA Labor Occupational Safety and Health Program
397. Union County Governmental Public Health Partnership
398. UNITE HERE International Union
399. United Fishermen of Alaska
400. United Food and Commercial Workers International Union
401. United for Respect
402. United Mine Workers of America
403. United States Ergonomics, LLC
404. United Steelworkers
405. United Steelworkers Local 675
406. United Union of R & W Local No. 154
407. United Union of Roofers Local 4
408. United Union of Roofers Local 8
409. United Union of Roofers Waterproofers and Allied Workers Local 32
410. United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers and Allied Workers Union No. 9
411. University of Alaska Southeast
412. University of California Davis, Center for Occupational and Environmental Health
413. University of Cincinnati Education and Research Center
414. University of Delaware
415. University of Florida, Southeastern Coastal Center for Occupational Health and Safety
416. University of Houston-Clear Lake
417. University of Illinois Chicago Center for Healthy Work
418. University of Illinois Chicago, Illinois Occupational Surveillance Program
419. University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine
420. University of Iowa College of Public Health
421. University Of Maryland School of Public Health
422. University of Maryland, School of Public Health, Department of Global, Environmental, and Occupational Health
423. University of Massachusetts Labor Education Program
424. University of Massachusetts Lowell Center for Sustainable Production
425. University of Michigan Center for Occupational Health and Safety Engineering

- 426. University of Michigan Industrial and Operations Engineering - Center for Ergonomics
- 427. University of Michigan School of Nursing Occupational Health Nursing Program
- 428. University of Michigan School of Public Health COHSE EAB
- 429. University of Minnesota Extension
- 430. University of Nebraska Medical Center, Department of Environmental, Agricultural and Occupational Health
- 431. University of Nebraska, College of Public Health
- 432. University of New Mexico Preventive Medicine Section
- 433. University of São Paulo - Research Laboratory on Auditory and Non-auditory Effects of Noise
- 434. University of Washington
- 435. Unpack It Counseling, LLC
- 436. Upper Midwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center
- 437. Utility Workers Union of America
- 438. UURWAW Local 142
- 439. Valley Interior Systems
- 440. Vibrantz Technologies
- 441. Video Plus Sensors, Inc.
- 442. Viking Yachts
- 443. Wavelength Psychological Services, LLC
- 444. Wearable Robotics Association
- 445. Weill Cornell Medicine, Environmental Health and Safety
- 446. West Michigan Industrial Hygiene Society
- 447. Western Center for Agricultural Health and Safety
- 448. Western Michigan University Department of Psychology
- 449. Western New York Council on Occupational Safety and Health
- 450. Western Occupational and Environmental Medicine Association (WOEMA)
- 451. Western States Regional Joint Board Workers United-SEIU
- 452. What Works Institute
- 453. Wind of the Spirit, Immigrant Resource Center, NJ
- 454. Wisdom Works Group
- 455. Women's Voices for the Earth
- 456. Working Family Solidarity
- 457. Workplace Sense, LLC
- 458. Worksafe
- 459. Xefatura Consulting, LLC
- 460. Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell Health