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February 19, 2025

The Honorable Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.
Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Secretary Kennedy:

We write to request information and documents about reductions in capacity at the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), which is housed in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) of the Department for Health and Human Services.

NIOSH plays multiple important roles in ensuring the health and safety of American workers and providing scientific guidance to inform workers' compensation programs. As news reports circulate about staffing cuts at CDC, in addition to a host of reports about stalled contract and grant payments throughout the federal government, we need a focused accounting on the cost to NIOSH overall so that we can assess the consequences for NIOSH's capacity to get things done for American workers.

We request your responses by no later than March 6, 2025, to the following:

1. How many NIOSH staff have been terminated since January 21, 2025?
2. For each NIOSH staff terminated in that time, please provide a chart with the following:
 - a. Job title;
 - b. Office or division;
 - c. Branch or, where there is no relevant subdivision into branches, any identifiable program area; and
 - d. Number of years of federal service.
3. For every NIOSH grant, contract, contract indefinite delivery vehicle, direct payment, loan, or other approved spending terminated or paused since January 21, 2025, please provide a chart with the following:
 - a. Award ID;
 - b. URL for link to award on USASpending.gov;
 - c. Recipient name;
 - d. Total obligation;

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- e. Amount of total obligation that has been paused or terminated;
- f. Description of award; and
- g. Reason for pause or termination of the award.

Should you have any questions about this request, please contact the Democratic staff of the House Committee on Education and Workforce.

Sincerely,



ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

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