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LEGISLATIVE ALERT

April 25, 2022

Dear Senator:

I am writing today to ask that you join in support of Senator Baldwin's upcoming resolution in recognition of Workers Memorial Day (attached).

This resolution, to be introduced on April 28, will once again honor Workers Memorial Day to remember workers killed or injured on the job and to renew the fight for strong safety and health protections.

Decades of struggle by working people and our unions have improved working conditions and made jobs safer, but it has not been enough. This year the Senate should come together to strengthen workers' rights and protections to ensure everyone can come home safely at the end of a work shift—and without chronic illnesses from toxic exposures at work.

Please email Brian_Conlan@baldwin.senate.gov to sign your boss on to the resolution.

Sincerely,



William Samuel
Director, Government Affairs

Attachment

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. _____

Supporting the goals and ideals of Workers' Memorial Day, honoring workers who have been killed or injured in the workplace, and recognizing the importance of strengthening worker health and safety protections.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

_____ submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of Workers' Memorial Day, honoring workers who have been killed or injured in the workplace, and recognizing the importance of strengthening worker health and safety protections.

Whereas 4,764 workers were killed in the United States due to job-related traumatic injuries in 2020, and 120,000 workers die in the United States each year from job-related diseases;

Whereas, each day, in total, an average of 340 workers die from job-related injuries and illnesses in the United States;

Whereas, annually, there are more than 3,200,000 occupational injuries in the United States;

Whereas tens of thousands of individuals in the United States with workplace-related injuries or illnesses have become permanently disabled;

Whereas the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (referred to in this preamble as “OSHA”), the primary Federal agency that establishes and enforces workplace health and safety standards—

(1) only has sufficient resources to inspect each establishment within the jurisdiction of OSHA once every 236 years; and

(2) must receive the resources necessary to adequately protect the health and safety of workers in the United States;

Whereas workers continue to face serious risks of injury, illness and death from COVID-19, infectious diseases, heat exposure, and workplace violence;

Whereas millions of workers have been infected with COVID-19, and thousands of workers in the United States alone have died from COVID-19;

Whereas these injuries, illnesses, and deaths are preventable; and

Whereas observing Workers’ Memorial Day—

(1) allows the people of the United States to honor and remember victims of workplace-related injuries and disease; and

(2) reminds the people of the United States to strive for better safety and health protections for workers: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1 (1) supports the goals and ideals of Workers'
2 Memorial Day to honor and remember workers who
3 have been killed or injured in the workplace;

4 (2) recognizes the importance of strengthening
5 worker health and safety standards to secure the
6 safe workplaces workers deserve;

7 (3) encourages the Occupational Safety and
8 Health Administration, the Mine Safety and Health
9 Administration, employers, community and worker
10 organizations, professional associations, and aca-
11 demic institutions to support activities increasing
12 awareness of the importance of preventing illness,
13 injury, and death in the workplace; and

14 (4) calls upon the people of the United States
15 to observe Workers' Memorial Day with appropriate
16 ceremonies and respect.