

Appendix G:

Letters of Stakeholder Support



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December 1, 2009

Harlan Amandus, Ph.D.
Chief, Analysis and Field Evaluations Branch
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National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
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Dear Dr. Amandus,

I support your research that will evaluate the Dallas City Ordinance concerning convenience stores. I have selected Deputy Chief Brian Harvey to be your liaison with the Department to ensure that you receive all the information necessary to conduct your studies.

Validating best practices for convenience store security will benefit citizens, retail employees, and the law enforcement community. Your academic contribution to this important topic is appreciated. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'DMK', followed by a horizontal line.

David M. Kunkle
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Dear Dr. Amandus,

We have reviewed your research proposal to evaluate Dallas' Convenience Store Ordinance. This is an important project which should benefit Dallas's Convenience Store Compliance Program and will provide good information to facilitate the development of ordinances in other communities. We support this project and agree to encourage our association members to participate in the site visits and interviews necessary for this study.

If you need further assistance, I will be 7-Eleven, Inc.'s contact.

Sincerely,



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Dear Dr. Menendez:

I received your request to conduct research that will evaluate the Houston City Ordinance concerning convenience store violence. I am approving your request.

I have selected Assistant Chief John Trevino to be your liaison with the department. He will ensure that you receive all the information necessary to conduct your study. He will also ensure that privacy and compliance with department policies is maintained. Chief Trevino may be reached at 713-308-1870.

If I may be of assistance to you in any other matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,


Harold L. Hurtt
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cc: Patrol Operations

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January 17, 2010

Dear Dr. Menéndez,

I am delighted to write this Letter of Support for the "Convenience Store Safety Ordinance Project" that the National Institute for Occupational Safety & Health (NIOSH) has undertaken, under your leadership. The convenience store industry is the back bone of retail in America. It brings the convenience of everyday products and essential needs, such as gasoline, to each and every neighborhood. It is structured to provide convenience for citizens, unfortunately and increasingly they are becoming convenient for the criminals to carry out their agenda. I am glad that the efforts made in Houston towards the safety and health of convenience store workers have been noticed by the CDC. We have definitely not resolved the problem but I am proud to say that we have started the effort with the help of all stakeholders to combat the problem.

As Chair of the Mayor's Task Force on Convenience Store Violence for the City of Houston in 2007, the President of the South Texas Area Dealer's Association (STADA), and most important, as a store owner, I am very pleased that NIOSH is using its expertise to the assess the effectiveness of the new convenience store safety ordinance to promote the health and safety of convenience store workers.

I look forward to the study findings and will assist NIOSH with their research by encouraging participation of convenience store owners and managers in Houston.

Best Regards,


Zafar Tahir



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Kính Thưa Quý Chủ Nhân,

Một Bộ Phận Đặc Nhiệm của Thị Trường nghiên cứu về Các Biện Pháp An Toàn cho Các Tiệm Tạp Hóa Tiêu Thương đã được thiết lập, vào năm 2007, dưới sự điều hành của Ông Zafir Tahir, Chủ Tịch Hiệp Hội Thương Nghiệp Nam Texas và Ông John Trevino, Phụ Tá Cảnh Sát Trưởng Houston. Bộ phận này đề nghị một sắc lệnh quy định các tiệm tạp hóa tiêu thương tuân theo các biện pháp an toàn và vệ sinh cho các nhân viên.

Viện An Toàn Nghề Nghiệp và Sức Khỏe Toàn Quốc (NISOH) thuộc Trung Tâm Kiểm Soát và Phòng Ngừa Bệnh Tật (CDC) nghiên cứu về sức khỏe và sự an toàn của các công nhân nhận thấy rằng tỷ lệ tử suất của nhân viên ngành tạp hóa rất cao. Cộng Đồng Người Việt Quốc Gia mong muốn một khung cảnh làm việc an toàn và vệ sinh cho tất cả các nhân viên trong ngành.

Nhân danh Chủ Tịch Cộng Đồng chúng ta, tôi thiết tha kêu gọi sự tham gia đồng đạo của mọi nhân viên và chủ nhân các tiệm tạp hóa tiêu thương vào việc nghiên cứu này của NISOH. Quản lý các tiệm sẽ trả lời một số các câu hỏi liên hệ vào khoảng 20 phút, Người phỏng vấn nói tiếng Việt sẽ gọi trước để sắp xếp thời giờ thuận tiện nhất cho quý vị. Các câu trả lời của quý vị sẽ được giữ kín và không chia sẻ với bất cứ ai.

Mục đích của việc nghiên cứu là để giám định mức độ hữu hiệu của sắc lệnh an toàn với các hoạt động có tính cách bạo hành trong các tiệm. Tôi đã có dịp gặp gỡ các vị điều hành công cuộc nghiên cứu này, và nhiệt liệt ủng hộ dự án ích lợi này. Tôi xin khuyến khích sự tham gia nồng nhiệt của tất cả quý vị vào công tác hữu ích này để làm cho cộng đồng chúng ta trở nên an toàn hơn.

Trân Trọng,

Phan Như Học
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May 6, 2010

To Whom It May Concern,

In 2007 the Mayor's Task Force for Convenience Store Safety was established and chaired by Zafar Tahir, President of South Texas Area Dealer's Association and Assistant Chief John Trevino of the Houston Police Department. The task force recommended an ordinance that would mandate convenience stores follow recommended safety measures for the health and safety of the convenience store workers.

The National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) studies worker health and safety, and convenience store workers have very high rates of work-related deaths. The Chinese Community would like to see all of its members who work at convenience stores experience a safe and healthy work environment.

As the Executive Director of the Chinese Community Center, I strongly encourage the participation of each Chinese-American convenience store worker and owner in the study being conducted by NIOSH. Participating in this study involves the convenience store manager answering approximately 20 minutes worth of questions. Interviewers who speak Chinese will call to make arrangements to visit a store to administer the survey at the manager's or owner's convenience. Your responses to the questions will be kept confidential and not shared with anyone.

The purpose of the study is to evaluate the effectiveness of a safety ordinance on workplace violence. I have met with leaders of this study and wholly support this project. I encourage you to participate in the study as it will help make our community safer.

Sincerely,



Chi-Mei Lin
Executive Director



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컨비니언스 스토어를 운영하시는 한인동포 여러분, 안녕하십니까?

저는 휴스턴 한인회의 김수명 한인회장입니다.

귀하와 귀하의 가정, 하시는 사업에 무궁한 발전을 기원합니다.

컨비니언스 스토어의 안전을 위해 시장(Mayor)직속의 특별대책반이 2007 년도에 발족이 되었습니다. 현재 남텍사스 소매인협회 회장인 Zafar Tahir 와 휴스턴 경찰국의 부국장 John Trevino 가 의장을 맡고 있습니다. 이 특별대책반은 컨비니언스 스토어 직원들의 건강과 안전을 위해서 각 스토어들이 따라야 할 안전조치규정을 추천한 바 있습니다.

질병통제/예방 센터 (The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC)내의 연방 직업안전/건강연구소(The National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, NIOSH) 에서는 컨비니언스 스토어 직원들의 건강과 안전에 대해 연구하고 있으며, 직원들이 스토어 내에서 직업과 관련해서 생명을 잃는 경우가 많다는 것을 발견하였습니다.

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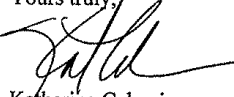
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Yours truly,

Katherine Cabaniss
Executive Director