

Appendix F:

Letter of Stakeholder Support

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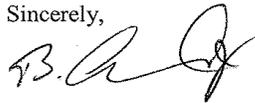
Dear Marilyn,

I am writing on behalf of the Health Professionals and Allied Employees (HPAE) AFT/AFL-CIO, representing 12,000 healthcare workers in New Jersey. HPAE was the primary group sponsoring and advocating for the passage of New Jersey's Violence Prevention in Healthcare Facilities Act. We are strongly in favor of the NIOSH project to review episodes of violence in the workplace both prior to the passage of the law and now after the enactment of regulations.

We know all too well, from our members' testimony, of the escalating episodes of violence in healthcare settings, whether it is in the ED, maternity ward, general hospital floors, or clinics. These events have to be examined and methods to prevent them nationally instituted. It should not be dangerous to go to work.

This project will receive our full support in any way necessary including access to our membership list, meetings, member education, and reinforcement for survey completion. We are honored to be a part of this project. Thank you for the opportunity.

Sincerely,



Bernie Gerard, Jr.
Vice President