

CALL TO ACTION

Healthcare and social service workers need safe workplaces!

HR 1195, if passed, would be a strong step forward in providing safe healthcare and social service workplaces. This is a critical issue for both workers and consumers of services.

Summary of HR 1195:

Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act

This bill requires the Department of Labor to address workplace violence in health care, social service, and other sectors.

Specifically, Labor must issue an interim occupational safety and health standard that requires certain employers to take actions to protect workers and other personnel from workplace violence. The standard applies to employers in the health care sector, in the social service sector, and in sectors that conduct activities similar to those in the health care and social service sectors.

In addition, Labor must promulgate a final standard within a specified time line.

HR 1195 has been passed in the US House of Representatives and is now sitting in the US Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions. This legislation needs to be put on the committee calendar and addressed by the committee members. If it does not move forward soon, it will “die in committee”!

What can you do to help move this legislation into the spotlight?

PLEASE, take a moment to send postcards to the members of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions!

Talking points:

- If you work in healthcare or social services, share a concern about how workplace violence impacts you and your clients
- If you are a consumer, share your concerns about workplace safety and how the lack of it impacts access to services

Sample for card:

I am writing you to respectfully request that you support efforts to provide safe healthcare and social service workplaces. Please bring forward and vote in favor of HR 1195 - Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act.

Signature

State where you reside

It's that simple! And, each piece of mail sent to elected officials counts!

Need more information? Please contact me, June Garen, at izanesgaren@gmail.com. Thank you!