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Hello:

I am sending this response to you on the above document on behalf of the Association of Occupational Health Professionals in Healthcare (AOHP). Please feel free to contact me at 415/492-4790 or e-mail at domeras@sutterhealth.org with any questions, additional information that you may need.

Thank-you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing regarding the draft document for public review and comment entitled, "Safe Patient Handling and Movement Principles, NIOSH Docket #072, January, 2006".

The Association of Occupational Health Professionals in Healthcare—AOHP applauds NIOSH and the partners on this project. We believe a document such as this is very much needed and has been needed for quite some time. The presentation is nicely done and covers the critical information elements. It will be a very useful tool for nursing programs as well as for employers who are planning on implementing safe patient handling programs. It will also be helpful for employers developing a proposal to validate the need for such a program.

We recommend making an alternate version that can be used for introductory staff training in hospitals. This will allow for more consistency between nursing schools and hospital settings.

In conclusion, AOHP applauds this work and looks forward to the final document after the public review and comment period.

We thank you for this opportunity to provide comments and look forward to an opportunity to provide additional information or assist you further. Please contact Sandra Prickitt at (415) 492-4790 or e-mail at domeras@sutterhealth.org for additional information.

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- Advocating for employee health and safety
- Occupational health education and networking opportunities
- Health and safety advancement through best practice and research
- Partnering with employers, regulatory agencies and related associations.

Sincerely,



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