



**HEALTHIER WORKPLACES | A HEALTHIER WORLD**

June 28, 2022

Representative Frank Pallone  
(New Jersey-6)  
Chair, Committee on Energy & Commerce  
U.S. House of Representatives

Representative Cathy McMorris Rodgers  
(Washington-5)  
Republican Leader, Committee on Energy  
& Commerce  
U.S. House of Representatives

Representative Robert C. "Bobby" Scott  
(Virginia-3)  
Chair, Committee on Education and Labor  
U.S. House of Representatives

Representative Alma Adams  
(North Carolina-12)  
Chair, Subcommittee on Workforce  
Protections  
Committee on Education and Labor  
U.S. House of Representatives

Representative Virginia Foxx  
(North Carolina-5)  
Republican Leader, Committee on  
Education and Labor  
U.S. House of Representatives

Representative Fred Keller  
(Pennsylvania-12)  
Republican Leader, Subcommittee on  
Workforce Protections  
Committee on Education and Labor  
U.S. House of Representatives

## **AIHA Support for U.S. H.R.7478 – SAFE PLAY Act**

Dear Representatives Pallone, McMorris Rodgers, Scott, Adams, Foxx, and Keller:

AIHA, the association for scientists and professionals committed to preserving and ensuring occupational and environmental health and safety (OEHS), strongly encourages you to swiftly pass the Supporting Athletes, Families and Educators to Protect the Lives of Athletic Youth (SAFE PLAY) Act (H.R.7478). This bill would help protect student athletes, coaches, other school personnel, and families from heat-related injuries, illnesses, and death by using three core strategies:

- 1) Requiring agency leaders to develop heat advisory and heat acclimatization guidelines for school athletics.
- 2) Disseminating those guidelines to school administrators, school health professionals, coaches, families, and other appropriate individuals.

- 3) Requiring public schools to develop and implement an excessive heat action plan that will be used for all school-sponsored athletic events (including practices or scrimmages before a school's academic year begins) that occur during an Excessive Heat Watch or Excessive Heat Warning or Advisory, as determined by the National Weather Service.

Exposure to heat remains a significant health hazard for students and school personnel. By passing this bill, you can help improve the health and safety of students and their communities in each of your States and nationwide.

If you have any questions about AIHA's support for this bill or other matters related to protecting the health and safety of our workplaces and communities, please contact me at [mames@aiha.org](mailto:mames@aiha.org) or (703) 846-0730.

Sincerely,



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AIHA

## About AIHA

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## Cc:

Representative Bill Pascrell (New Jersey-9)