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Urge Congress to Protect Health Care Workers from Violence by Passing the SAVE Act

Send a message to your senators and representative to support the legislation; use new AHA resources to support your advocacy efforts

Enactment of the Safety from Violence for Healthcare Employees (SAVE) Act (H.R. 2584/S. 2768) is a top priority for the AHA and the hospital field. This bipartisan bill would provide federal protections from workplace violence for health care workers, similar to the protections in current law for airport and aircraft employees.

As part of our efforts to build support for this legislation, the AHA last week <u>hosted a Capitol Hill briefing</u> for nearly 100 House and Senate staff. The lead House sponsors joined hospital and health system leaders to highlight how the legislation would help protect health care workers from violence, alleviate workforce challenges and sustain quality patient care.

It's important that we get as many representatives and senators as possible to cosponsor the legislation. Throughout the year, we will continue to make the case for Congress to act without delay.

TAKE ACTION

Please contact your senators and representative to urge them to cosponsor the SAVE Act. We have developed a sample message that you can send to your lawmakers by clicking here. You also can share this link with members of your team and community so they can send a message as well.

RESOURCES TO SUPPORT YOUR ADVOCACY

The AHA has developed new resources that you can use to highlight the need to pass the SAVE Act.

- Fact sheet.
- Digital toolkit with sample social media posts and graphics.
- Infographic with stats on violence against health care workers.

FURTHER QUESTIONS

Visit the AHA Action Center Workplace Violence <u>webpage</u> for additional resources. If you have further questions, please contact AHA at 800-424-4301.