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Dear Friends,

I wish I could be with you at today's event commemorating Workers' Memorial Day. Please know that I am with you in spirit as we memorialize the men and women who lost their lives on the job in 2017. Thank you to the New Hampshire Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health for organizing this annual event.

So many people benefit from a safe workplace. Employers and businesses witness greater productivity when their employees have the awareness and training to protect themselves from the hazards of their jobs. Through the efforts of organizations like the New Hampshire Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health, working men and women have a dedicated advocate who is fighting to ensure our workforce is covered by reasonable and common sense laws and safety regulations. I thank you for all that you do to keep New Hampshire workers safe.

Workers' Memorial Day is a time to reflect on the strides we have made to improve worker safety. Perhaps more importantly, it is also an opportunity to remember and honor those who died on the job in the past year. Their heartbreaking loss serves as a reminder that there is still more to be done to strengthen and improve the overall health and welfare of workers in many professions. We must continue to focus our efforts on doing what is best for our workers and economy by making safety a priority in workplaces and across our state.

I join with you in remembering the lives of those lost this year and thank you for your continued advocacy for New Hampshire workers.

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