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Dear Friends:

Thank you for inviting me to your annual Workers' Memorial Day. I regret that I cannot be with you in person on this important night of remembrance.

Each year, we come together to recognize and remember those who have lost their lives on the job. Workers' Memorial Day is a solemn time to honor those workers and their families, while recommitting ourselves to the cause of workplace safety.

An honest day's work should not come with the risk of losing one's life. It is a fundamental right to have a safe work environment.

We deliver on this right through meaningful workplace safety laws and constant vigilance. This is not just about protecting ourselves in the workplace; it is about protecting our colleagues, our neighbors, and our families. I know everyone here is committed to this cause. As a member of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce in Congress, I have been privileged to speak out on these issues and tell the stories of those who died and the families who are left struggling, seeking answers and justice. We can do much better, and we must demand that workers have the safest environment possible to prevent these tragedies.

I want to thank the NH Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health (NH-COSH) for all the work you do to raise awareness for workplace safety and for telling the stories of those who have suffered and died due to health and safety violations.

I also want to thank the family members in attendance for their strength and their courage. They have my deepest sympathies and a promise that I will continue working so that other families do not have to face the injury or loss of a loved one the way you have.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carol Shea-Porter".

Carol Shea-Porter
Member of Congress