

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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Assistant Secretary of Labor Douglas L. Parker
Occupational Safety & Health Administration
200 Constitution Ave NW
Washington, DC 20210

Dear Assistant Secretary Douglas Parker:

In May, following reports that there was a 54.3% increase in the injury rate at Amazon warehouses in New Jersey between 2020 and 2021¹, we requested that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) open an investigation into Amazon over high injury rates at its warehouses. Additionally, we requested that OSHA follow up with additional steps within 90 days of receipt. We appreciate your initial letter committing to a response by that deadline.

Considering the death of a worker at the EWR9 facility in Carteret, New Jersey, during the Prime Day sale rush, we write to reiterate the need to open investigations into the safety at Amazon warehouses nationwide and specifically request that OSHA open an investigation into New Jersey warehouses. While we understand that OSHA is investigating the worker's death², a larger investigation into New Jersey Amazon warehouses is warranted. As part of this investigation, we ask OSHA to look into possible conduct by Amazon that is designed to hide injuries from OSHA and others, either by discouraging workers self-reporting their injuries, misclassifying injuries, or by any other means.

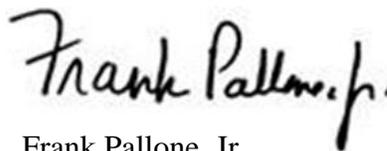
Once again, we remind you that as New Jersey representatives, we remember the Newark Wolf Muslin Undergarment Company fire in 1910 that killed dozens of garment workers just four months before the infamous Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire in 1911. Since then, our country has made significant gains in worker safety, but it is crucial to ensure that every worker comes home at night the same way they came to work in the morning.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Donald Norcross
Member of Congress



Frank Pallone, Jr.
Member of Congress

¹ [“As Injury Rates at Amazon Rise Nationwide, Amazon Workers in New Jersey Pay a Heavy Toll.” New Jersey Policy Perspective \(NJPP\) and Rutgers University, Page 1, April 27, 2022.](#)

² <https://twitter.com/jamieson/status/1549165157573599233>