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Scott, Murray, Committee Members to Unveil New GAO Report on Workplace Violence against Healthcare Workers*

**In addition to the press conference on Thursday, April 14, there will be an embargoed, on-background press call on Wednesday, April 13 at 2:00 PM—email arika.trim@mail.house.gov to RSVP and for additional details by 10:00 AM on Wednesday, April 13.*

WASHINGTON – ON THURSDAY, April 14, Ranking Member Robert C. "Bobby" Scott (VA-03) will be joined by Senator Patty Murray (D-WA), Representatives Frederica Wilson (FL-24), and Joe Courtney (CT-02) in hosting a press conference along with several health care workers who have faced workplace violence. The Members of Congress will unveil the findings of a new report by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) on actions needed to reduce and mitigate the incidence of workplace violence in health care facilities.

Although health care facilities are perceived as a place to get well, many who are employed in these facilities face elevated risk of injury from violence—mostly originating from patients. GAO conducted this study over the course of nearly two years, interviewed health care workers in five states, and evaluated OSHA's efforts to protect health care workers from workplace violence. The Members will highlight findings and recommendations in regards to report.

WHO: Ranking Member Robert C. "Bobby" Scott (VA-03), House Committee on Education & the Workforce
Ranking Member Patty Murray (D-WA), Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions
Representative Frederica Wilson (FL-24)
Representative Joe Courtney (CT-02)
Helene Andrews, Registered Nurse, American Federation of Teachers (AFT)
John Bryan, Certified Nursing Assistant, United Steelworkers (USW)
Eric Hesse, Security Counselor Lead, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)
Brandy Welch, Registered Nurse, National Nurses United (NNU)

WHAT: Press conference releasing new GAO report on actions needed to reduce and mitigate the incidence of workplace violence in health care facilities.

WHEN: Thursday, April 14, 2016 2:30 – 3:30 PM/EDT

WHERE: 1310 Longworth House Office Building (LHOB), Washington, DC 20515

RSVP: Media interested in attending Thursday's press conference should RSVP to Arika Trim at arika.trim@mail.house.gov