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**NYSACHO STATEMENT ON SHOOTING AT CENTERS FOR DISEASE
CONTROL AND PREVENTION**

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In light of the tragic events that unfolded at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention late last week, I am profoundly saddened and, on behalf of local health officials in New York State, extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of the officer who lost his life.

Every day, public health professionals confront risks from many directions, whether addressing environmental hazards like lead exposure and harmful algal blooms, enforcing laws against the illegal sale of flavored vapor products, or facing dangerous pathogens in the course of controlling communicable diseases. These challenges are part of our work, and we accept them because our communities depend on us.

What we cannot accept - and must never tolerate - is the notion that public health professionals should face violence simply for fulfilling their duty to protect and serve the public's health.

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