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ASPPH Statement on Senate’s Passing of The Inflation Reduction Act

The Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH) commends the Senate for the passing of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, which includes provisions impacting deficit reduction, healthcare, and climate change.

Climate change is possibly the most significant global challenge of the 21st century, with the potential to irrevocably alter the planet and the population’s health unless there is sufficient and immediate action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

While ASPPH will continue to urge Congress to take additional action on the climate change crisis, we are pleased to see this bill, which includes the following climate-related provisions, pass the Senate and now move to the House:

- **Investments in Communities and Environmental Justice**, such as $3 Billion for Environmental and Climate Justice Block Grants that invest in community-led projects in disadvantaged communities and community capacity-building centers to address disproportionate environmental and public health harms related to pollution and climate change.
- **$3 Billion for Neighborhood Access and Equity Grants** that support neighborhood equity, safety, and affordable transportation access, allowing underserved populations to better achieve health equity through easier access to local healthcare services.
- **Combined investments in the FY2022 Budget Reconciliation bill** would put the U.S. on a path to a roughly 40% emissions reduction by 2030 and represent the single most significant climate investment in U.S. history.

The Senate’s passage of the Inflation Reduction Act moves the U.S. in a positive direction in response to the climate change crisis. We urge the House to take quick action to pass this bill so the President can then sign it into law.

ASPPH will continue to dedicate our attention and actions to the challenge of climate change through our Task Force on Climate Change and Health, which is developing recommendations for collective action to reduce the impacts of climate change on population health. The Task Force is expected to release their recommendations in October 2022.

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