

ASPPH Advocacy Initiatives in 2019 (Updated on March 12, 2019)

March 8, 2019: ASPPH and five other members of the Healthy Air coalition sent a [letter](#) to EPA formally requesting that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) extend the comment deadline for at least 120 additional days on the Proposed Revised Supplemental Finding and Residual Risk and Technology Review for the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards. The organizations further requested that the EPA hold at least three additional public hearings on the proposal.

March 7, 2019: ASPPH and more than 300 other members of the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research, endorsed the Group's FY 2020 [recommendation](#) of an appropriation of at least \$41.6 billion for the NIH, a \$2.5 billion increase over the NIH's program level funding in FY 2019.

March 7, 2019: ASPPH and 151 other members of the Friends of AHRQ [wrote](#) to Congressional appropriators requesting \$460 million in budget authority for the Agency for Health Research and Quality, which is consistent with the FY 2010 level adjusted for inflation.

March 7, 2019: ASPPH endorsed the [recommendation](#) of the Friends of the Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Program, which requested at least \$698 million for the Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Services Block Grant program in the FY 2020 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education & Related Agencies Appropriations bill.

March 4, 2019: ASPPH and 225 other members of the CDC Coalition [wrote](#) to Congressional appropriators urge them to provide at least \$7.8 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's programs in the FY 2020 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations bill.

March 4, 2019: ASPPH and other groups [wrote](#) to the Congressional sponsors of the Climate Change Health Protection and Promotion Act (S. 523/H.R. 1243) thanking them for their ongoing leadership and endorsing the legislation.

February 26, 2019: ASPPH and dozens of other public health organizations sent a [letter](#) to key Congressional leaders asking them to provide a significant increase in funding in FY 2020 for the CDC's National Center for Environmental Health.

February 21, 2019: ASPPH submitted [comments](#) on the proposed definition of "behavioral and social science research" issued by the NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research.

February 21, 2019: In a [letter](#) to key House and Senate leaders, ASPPH and more than 150 other public health, research and medical organizations called on Congress to provide \$50 million in funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to conduct public health research into firearm morbidity and mortality prevention.

January 17, 2019: ASPPH submitted [comments](#) on the draft core, developmental and research objectives being considered for inclusion in Healthy People 2030, the HHS's nationwide health promotion and disease prevention goals. ASPPH did not oppose any of the proposed objectives but did suggest numerous revisions and additions.

January 17, 2019: ASPPH joined more than 275 other organizations from across a wide range of sectors in sending letters to [Congress](#) and the [President](#) urging an immediate end to the government shutdown. The letters highlighted just a few of the health impacts of the shutdown, including food safety, environmental health and tribal health.

January 15, 2019: ASPPH joined with more than 20 other organizations in sending a [letter](#) to the Office of the United States Trade Representative calling for the US to ensure that any trade agreement with the United Kingdom include provisions to protect their citizens from the death and disease caused by tobacco products. Specifically, the letter calls for any agreement to ensure that the US and UK not face the threat of investor litigation from the tobacco industry.

January 11, 2019: ASPPH and more than 40 other organizations [wrote](#) to the Senate leadership urging them to break the impasse on the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness and Advancing Innovation Act of 2019, which has been blocked by an unrelated dispute between GOP Senators Richard Burr and Johnny Isakson.

January 8, 2019: Dr. Michael Eriksen, Tony Mazzaschi and Mark Mioduski hosted an ASPPH Presents [Webinar](#), "The New Congress and the Missions of Academic Public Health."

January 7, 2019: Members of the ASPPH leadership team met in Atlanta with CDC Director Dr. Robert Redfield and his senior staff on December 17, 2018. On January 7, 2019, ASPPH [wrote](#) to Dr. Redfield thanking him for the meeting and reiterated that ASPPH and our members are essential allies of the CDC and that we can add additional value to the CDC while supporting his priorities. We provided specific examples of ways that our members' work on workforce development, public health research, communications and advocacy align with CDC's objectives and can continue to help the CDC's senior leadership address the future challenges facing the nation's public health system.