

CDC Coalition

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The Honorable Roy Blunt
Chairman
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee
on Labor, Health and Human Services,
Education and Related Agencies
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray
Ranking Member
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Subcommittee
on Labor, Health and Human Services,
Education and Related Agencies
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Subcommittee
on Labor, Health and Human Services,
Education and Related Agencies
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairmen Blunt and Cole and Ranking Members Murray and DeLauro:

The undersigned 153 members of the CDC Coalition and other supporting state and national organizations urge you to provide **\$8.445 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's programs in the FY 2019 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations bill**. We believe that Congress should prioritize funding for all of the activities and programs supported by CDC which are essential to protect the health of the American people. We are grateful for the important increases provided for CDC programs in the FY 2018 omnibus bill and urge Congress to continue efforts to build upon these investments to strengthen all of CDC's programs. We also continue to oppose any effort to repeal or cut the Prevention and Public Health Fund which currently makes up approximately 10 percent of CDC's budget. Congress must ensure that the agency's budget remains whole in the face of these misguided efforts that threaten funding for many CDC programs.

The CDC Coalition is a nonpartisan coalition of organizations committed to strengthening our nation's public health infrastructure and prevention programs. Our mission is to ensure that health promotion and disease prevention are given top priority in federal funding, to support a funding level for CDC that enables it to carry out its prevention mission and to assure an adequate translation of new research into effective state and local programs. Coalition member groups represent millions of public health workers, researchers, clinicians, educators, and citizens served by CDC programs.

CDC serves as the command center for the nation's public health defense system against emerging and reemerging infectious diseases. From aiding in the surveillance, detection and prevention of the Zika virus to playing a lead role in the control of Ebola in West Africa and detecting and responding to cases in the U.S., to pandemic flu preparedness, CDC is the nation's – and the world's – expert resource and response center, coordinating communications and action and serving as the laboratory reference center. States, communities and the international community rely on CDC for accurate information and direction in a crisis or outbreak.

CDC is faced with unprecedented challenges and responsibilities ranging from combating the opioid, tobacco and obesity epidemics to emergency preparedness and chronic disease prevention. CDC funds programs for injury control and violence prevention; global health security; health promotion in schools and workplaces; the prevention of diabetes, heart disease, stroke, cancer, lung disease and other chronic diseases; nutrition and physical activity; immunization; environmental health, including the prevention of childhood lead poisoning; oral health; reducing health disparities; preventing infant mortality and birth defects; preventing antimicrobial resistance; preventing prescription drug overdose, improving the health and quality of life of individuals with disabilities, vision and eye health and public health research and health statistics. It is notable that more than 70 percent of CDC's budget supports public health and prevention activities by state and local health organizations and agencies, national public health partners and academic institutions.

In addition to ensuring a strong public health infrastructure and protecting Americans from public health threats and emergencies, CDC programs are crucial to reducing health care costs and improving health. Despite the progress CDC has made to meet these needs, the agency's programs have been woefully underfunded. **We urge you to support a funding level of \$8.445 billion for CDC's programs in FY 2019.**

Please contact Don Hoppert at donald.hoppert@apha.org or 202-777-2514 with any questions regarding our request.

Sincerely,

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Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
AcademyHealth
American Academy of Family Physicians
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Association for Dental Research
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
American Association on Health and Disability
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American College of Physicians
American College of Preventive Medicine
American Diabetes Association
American Foundation for the Blind
American Heart Association
American Liver Foundation
American Lung Association
American Optometric Association
American Podiatric Medical Association, Inc.
American Psychological Association
American Public Health Association
American Sexual Health Association

American Society for Clinical Pathology
American Society for Microbiology
American Society for Nutrition
American Society of Hematology
American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene
American Thoracic Society
Arizona Public Health Association
Arthritis Foundation
Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum
Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology
Association of American Medical Colleges
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools
Association of Public Health Laboratories
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health
Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD)
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America
Avery's Angels Gastroschisis Foundation
Big Cities Health Coalition
California Consortium of Addiction Programs & Professionals
California Public Health Association-North
Child Neurology Foundation
Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
Children's Environmental Health Network
Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin
Coalition for Health Funding
Colorado Public Health Association
Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service, Inc. (COA)
Connecticut Public Health Association
Consortium of Social Science Associations
Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists
Delaware Academy of Medicine / Delaware Public Health Association
Digestive Disease National Coalition
Dystonia Advocacy Network
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation
Entomological Society of America
Every Child By Two
Family Voices
Florida Public Health Association
Friends of NCBDDD
Friends of the National Center for Health Statistics
Futures Without Violence
GBS|CIDP Foundation International
Georgia Public Health Association
Grand Valley State University
Green & Healthy Homes Initiative
Hawaii Public Health Association
Healthcare Ready

HealthHIV
Healthy Teen Network
Hepatitis B Foundation
HIV Medicine Association
Idaho Public Health Association
Illinois Association of Behavioral Health
Illinois Public Health Association
Indiana Public Health Association
Infectious Diseases Society of America
International Foundation for Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders
Interstitial Cystitis Association
Iowa Public Health Association
Kansas Public Health Association
Kentucky Public Health Association
Lakeshore Foundation
Louisiana Public Health Association
Lung Cancer Alliance
Lymphatic Education & Research Network
Maine Public Health Association
March of Dimes
Maryland Public Health Association
Mended Little Hearts
Minnesota Public Health Association
Missouri Public Health Association
Montana Public Health Association
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National Alopecia Areata Foundation
National Association of Chronic Disease Directors
National Association of County and City Health Officials
National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials
National Black Nurses Association
National Blood Clot Alliance
National CMV Foundation, Inc.
National Coalition for LGBT Health
National Coalition of STD Directors
National Environmental Health Association
National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association
National Fragile X Foundation
National Recreation and Park Association
National Safety Council
NephCure Kidney International
Nevada Public Health Association
New Hampshire Public Health Association
New Mexico Public Health Association
North Dakota Public Health Association
Ohio Public Health Association
Oklahoma Public Health Association
Oregon Public Health Association

Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy (PPMD)
Pediatric Congenital Heart Association
Pennsylvania Public Health Association
Prevent Blindness
Prevention Institute
Public Health Association of Nebraska
Pulmonary Hypertension Association
Research!America
Safe States Alliance
Scleroderma Foundation
Sleep Research Society
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine
South Dakota Public Health Association
Spina Bifida Association
Suicide Awareness Voices of Education
Tennessee Public Health Association
Texas Public Health Association
The AIDS Institute
The Arc of the United States
The Marfan Foundation
The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America
Tourette Association of America
Trust for America's Health
Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance
Utah Public Health Association
Vermont Public Health Association
Washington State Public Health Association
West Virginia Public Health Association
Wisconsin Public Health Association
WomenHeart: The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease
Wyoming Public Health Association

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