

# **IT'S TIME TO MAKE PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING** **A NATIONAL PRIORITY**

February 1, 2006

Dear President Bush and Members of Congress:

The health of all Americans is at risk from an unprecedented range of threats, including: chronic diseases and disabilities, infectious and food borne illnesses, biological and chemical terrorism, mental disorders and substance abuse, catastrophic injuries, and a shortage of healthcare providers and trained public health workers. And yet, last year, Congress cut public health programs by over \$1 billion, many of which continue to struggle to respond to sharply increased demands in the wake of the greatest natural disaster to strike the United States: Hurricane Katrina.

Consequently, the undersigned organizations urge you to increase funding for public health through the Function 550/discretionary budget allocation in Fiscal Year 2007 by an amount reflecting application of appropriate inflation factors to the final FY 2006 funding level plus \$1 billion. The rationale for this request is two-fold: 1) to maintain purchasing power for health programs; and 2) to restore funding for programs cut in the FY 2006 appropriations process and accommodate program initiatives to protect and strengthen our nation's health. Without additional resources on this scale, our nation's public health system – the continuum of medical research, prevention, treatment and training programs – cannot respond adequately to the threats, challenges and opportunities facing the nation.

Our request does not include, but rather is over and above, the Administration's anticipated funding increase for pandemic flu preparedness in the FY 2007 budget request.

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Sincerely,

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Academy of General Dentistry  
Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research  
Administrators of Internal Medicine  
Advancement of Psychology  
Advancement of Social Work Research  
Advocate Health Care  
African American Health Alliance  
AIDS Action  
AIDS Action Baltimore  
AIDS Action in Mississippi  
AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth & Families  
AIDS Foundation of Chicago  
AIDS Project Los Angeles

AIDS Survival Project  
Allegheny-Singer Research Institute  
Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine  
Alliance for Childhood Cancer  
Alliance for Children and Families  
Alliance of Cardiovascular Professionals  
Alliance of the American Dental Association  
Alstrom Syndrome International  
Alzheimer's Association  
Ambulatory Pediatric Association  
America Walks  
America's Blood Centers  
American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology

American Academy of Anesthesiologist Assistants  
 American Academy of Child and Adolescent  
   Psychiatry  
 American Academy of Emergency Medicine  
 American Academy of Family Physicians  
 American Academy of HIV Medicine  
 American Academy of Neurology  
 American Academy of Nurse Practitioners  
 American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial  
   Pathology  
 American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry  
 American Academy of Pediatrics  
 American Academy of Physician Assistants  
 American Association for Dental Research  
 American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry  
 American Association for Marriage and Family  
   Therapy  
 American Association for Respiratory Care  
 American Association for the Study of Liver  
   Diseases  
 American Association for the Surgery of Trauma  
 American Association of Children's Residential  
   Centers  
 American Association of Colleges of Nursing  
 American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic  
   Medicine  
 American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy  
 American Association of Colleges of Podiatric  
   Medicine  
 American Association of Dental Consultants  
 American Association of Neurological Surgeons/  
   Congress of Neurological Surgeons  
 American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial  
   Surgeons  
 American Association of Orthodontists  
 American Association of Pastoral Counselors  
 American Association of Public Health Dentistry  
 American Association of Tissue Banks  
 American Association of University Professors  
 American Autoimmune Related Diseases  
   Association  
 American Brain Coalition  
 American Cancer Society  
 American College of Cardiology  
 American College of Clinical Pharmacology  
 American College of Clinical Pharmacy  
 American College of Dentists  
 American College of Obstetricians and  
   Gynecologists  
 American College of Osteopathic Surgeons  
 American College of Physicians  
 American College of Preventive Medicine  
 American College of Sports Medicine  
 American College of Surgeons  
 American College Health Association  
 American Counseling Association  
 American Dental Association  
 American Dental Education Association  
 American Dental Hygienists' Association  
 American Diabetes Association  
 American Dietetic Association  
 American Federation for Medical Research  
 American Gastroenterological Association  
 American Geriatrics Society  
 American Group Psychotherapy Association  
 American Heart Association  
 American Hospital Association  
 American Institute for Medical and Biological  
   Engineering  
 American Liver Foundation  
 American Lung Association  
 American Medical Informatics Association  
 American Medical Student Association  
 American Music Therapy Association  
 American Nephrology Nurses Association  
 American Nurses Association  
 American Occupational Therapy Association  
 American Optometric Association  
 American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopedics  
 American Osteopathic Association  
 American Pediatric Society  
 American Physical Therapy Association  
 American Physiological Society  
 American Podiatric Medical Association  
 American Psychiatric Association  
 American Psychoanalytic Association  
 American Psychological Association  
 American Psychotherapy Association  
 American Public Health Association  
 American School Health Association  
 American Sickle Cell Anemia Association  
 American Social Health Association  
 American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular  
   Biology  
 American Society for Bone and Mineral Research  
 American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science  
 American Society for Microbiology  
 American Society for Pharmacology &  
   Experimental Therapeutics  
 American Society for Reproductive Medicine  
 American Society of Electroneurodiagnostic  
   Technologists, Inc.

American Society of Hematology  
 American Society of Nephrology  
 American Society of Pediatric Nephrology  
 American Society of Plastic Surgeons  
 American Society of Transplant Surgeons  
 American Society of Transplantation  
 American Sociological Association  
 American Stroke Association  
 American Student Dental Association  
 American Thoracic Society  
 Americans for Medical Progress  
 amfAR, The Foundation for AIDS Research  
 A O North America  
 Aplastic Anemia & MDS International Foundation  
 APS Foundation of America, Inc.  
 Arthritis Foundation  
 Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum  
 Association for Professionals in Infection Control  
 and Epidemiology  
 Association for Psychological Science  
 Association for Research in Vision and  
 Ophthalmology  
 Association of Academic Health Centers  
 Association of American Medical Colleges  
 Association of American Veterinary Medical  
 Colleges  
 Association of Clinical Research Training  
 Association of Departments of Family Medicine  
 Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors  
 Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs  
 Association of Medical School Pediatric  
 Department Chairs  
 Association of Minority Health Professions  
 Schools  
 Association of Nutrition Services Agencies  
 Association of Organ Procurement Organizations  
 Association of Professors of Medicine  
 Association of Program Directors in Internal  
 Medicine  
 Association of Public Health Laboratories  
 Association of Schools of Public Health  
 Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors  
 Association of State and Territorial Health Officials  
 Association of Subspecialty Professors  
 Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine  
 Association of University Centers on Disabilities  
 Association of University Programs in Health  
 Administration  
 Association of Women's Health, Obstetrics and  
 Neonatal Nurses  
 Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America  
 Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law  
 BCCNS Life Support Network  
 Bienestar  
 Biophysical Society  
 BJC HealthCare  
 Boston University School of Medicine  
 Boys Town National Research Hospital  
 Brain Injury Association of America  
 California Medical Association  
 Campaign for Public Health  
 Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids  
 Care Alliance Health Center  
 CARES Foundation, Inc.  
 Case Western Reserve University School of  
 Medicine  
 Cedars-Sinai Medical Center  
 Center for Science in the Public Interest  
 Center for the Advancement of Health  
 Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and  
 Science  
 Child Neurology Society  
 Children's Dental Health Project  
 Christopher Reeve Foundation  
 Clerkship Directors in Internal Medicine  
 Coalition for American Trauma Care  
 Coalition for Health Funding  
 Coalition for Health Services Research  
 Coalition for the Advancement of Health Through  
 Behavioral and Social Sciences Research  
 Coalition of Heritable Disorders of Connective  
 Tissue  
 Coalition of National Health Education  
 Organizations  
 Coalition to Protect Research  
 Columbia University Medical Center  
 Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health  
 Education Programs  
 Communities Advocating Emergency AIDS Relief  
 Community Health Councils, Inc.  
 Community HIV/AIDS Mobilization Project  
 Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals  
 Consortium of Social Science Associations  
 Cooley's Anemia Foundation  
 Cornell University  
 Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists  
 Creighton University  
 Critical Illness and Trauma Foundation  
 Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America  
 Cystic Fibrosis Foundation  
 Developmental Disabilities Research Centers  
 Association

Digestive Disease National Coalition  
 Directors of Health Promotion and Health Education  
 Duke University Medical Center and Health System  
 Dystonia Medical Research Foundation  
 East Coast Greenway Alliance  
 East Tennessee State University, Health Sciences Division  
 Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma  
 Emergency Nurses Association  
 Epilepsy Foundation  
 ESA, Inc.  
 Eta Sigma Gamma, the Professional Health Education Honor Society  
 Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology  
 Federation of Behavioral, Psychological, and Cognitive Sciences  
 Flint's Youth Violence Prevention Center  
 FRAXA Research Foundation  
 Friends of Indian Health  
 Gay Men's Health Crisis  
 General Clinical Research Centers Program Directors Association  
 Genetic Alliance  
 Genetic Alliance BioBank  
 Genetics Society of America  
 Global Health Council  
 Gluten Intolerance Group of NA  
 GW Cancer Institute  
 Harvard University  
 Health Professions Network  
 Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS)  
 Heart Rhythm Society  
 Hemophilia Federation of America  
 Hepatitis Foundation International  
 Hermansky-Pudlak Syndrome Network Inc.  
 Hidradenitis Suppurativa Foundation, Inc  
 Hispanic & Native American Center of Excellence  
 Hispanic-Serving Health Professions Schools  
 HIV Medicine Association  
 Housing Works  
 Huntington's Disease Society of America  
 Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Association  
 IEEE-USA  
 Infectious Diseases Society of America  
 International Foundation for Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders  
 International Health Racquet & Sports Club Association  
 Interstitial Cystitis Association  
 IsoDcentric 15 Exchange, Advocacy & Support  
 Jeffrey Modell Foundation  
 Johns Hopkins Medicine  
 Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International  
 Lymphoma Research Foundation  
 March of Dimes  
 Mayo Clinic  
 Medical College of Wisconsin  
 Medical Library Association/Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries  
 Medicine-Pediatrics Program Directors Association  
 Meharry Medical College  
 Meridian Health  
 MLD Foundation  
 Morehouse School of Medicine  
 Mount Sinai Medical Center  
 Muscular Dystrophy Association  
 Myasthenia Gravis Foundation  
 NAADAC- The Association for Addiction Professionals  
 NATCO - The Organization for Transplant Professionals  
 National AHEC Organization  
 National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research  
 National Alliance for Thrombosis and Thrombophilia  
 National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors  
 National Alliance on Mental Illness  
 National Alopecia Areata Foundation  
 National Association for Children's Behavioral Health  
 National Association for Geriatric Education  
 National Association for Geriatric Education Centers  
 National Association for Health and Fitness  
 National Association for Sport and Physical Education  
 National Association of Children's Hospitals  
 National Association of Community Health Centers  
 National Association of Counties  
 National Association of County and City Health Officials  
 National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors  
 National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians

National Association of Geriatric Education Centers  
 National Association of Local Boards of Health  
 National Association of Medical Minority Educators, Inc  
 National Association of People with AIDS  
 National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems  
 National Association of School Psychologists  
 National Association of Social Workers  
 National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Directors  
 National Association of State EMS Officials  
 National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors  
 National Ataxia Foundation  
 National Black Nurses Association  
 National Caucus of Basic Biomedical Science Chairs  
 National Coalition for Osteoporosis and Related Bone Diseases  
 National Coalition of STD Directors  
 National Eczema Association for Science & Education  
 National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association  
 National Health Care for the Homeless Council  
 National Hispanic Medical Association  
 National Indian Health Board  
 National Kidney Foundation  
 National League for Nursing  
 National Lymphedema Network  
 National Marfan Foundation  
 National Mental Health Association  
 National Mental Health Planning and Advisory Councils  
 National Multiple Sclerosis Society  
 National Network of Health Career Programs  
 National Organization for Rare Disorders  
 National Organization of Vascular Anomalies  
 National Osteoporosis Foundation  
 National Psoriasis Foundation  
 National Recreation and Park Association  
 National Sleep Foundation  
 National Student Nurses' Association  
 National WIC Association  
 NephCure Foundation  
 Neurofibromatosis, Inc.  
 Neuropathy Association  
 Neuropathy Research Foundation  
 New York AIDS Coalition  
 North American Primary Care Research Group  
 Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine  
 NYU School of Medicine  
 Oncology Nursing Society  
 Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation  
 Ovarian Cancer National Alliance  
 Pancreatic Cancer Action Network  
 Parkinsons Action Network  
 Partnership for Prevention  
 Patient Services Incorporated  
 Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center  
 Planned Parenthood  
 Population Association of America/Association of Population Centers  
 Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association  
 Project Inform  
 Propionic Acidemia Foundation  
 Public Health Institute  
 Pulmonary Hypertension Association  
 PXE International  
 Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Coalition  
 Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital  
 Research!America  
 Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation  
 San Francisco AIDS Foundation  
 Scleroderma Foundation  
 Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States  
 Shape Up America!  
 Shaping America's Health: Association for Weight Management and Obesity Prevention  
 Sjögren's Syndrome Foundation  
 Society for Investigative Dermatology  
 Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine  
 Society for Neuroscience  
 Society for Pediatric Research  
 Society for Public Health Education  
 Society for Research in Child Development  
 Society for Vascular Nursing  
 Society for Women's Health Research  
 Society of Critical Care Medicine  
 Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates  
 Society of General Internal Medicine  
 Society of Gynecologic Oncologists  
 Society of Teachers of Family Medicine  
 Society of Trauma Nurses  
 Special Care Dentistry  
 Spina Bifida Association of America  
 Stanford University School of Medicine  
 SUNY Upstate Medical University

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The ALS Association  
The American Association of Immunologists  
The American Society for Cell Biology  
The American Society of Human Genetics  
The Endocrine Society  
The Gerontological Society of America  
The Joint Steering Committee for Public Policy  
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society  
The Lupus Foundation of America, Inc.  
The Ohio State University Medical Center  
The Protein Society  
The Title II Community AIDS National Network  
Tourette Syndrome Association  
Trust for America's Health  
University Hospitals of Cleveland  
University of California  
University of Chicago  
University of Colorado at Denver and Health  
Sciences Center  
University of Illinois Chicago College of Medicine  
University of Medicine and Dentistry of  
New Jersey-New Jersey Dental School  
University of Minnesota  
University of Nebraska Medical Center  
University of New Mexico School of Medicine  
University of Pennsylvania Health System  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center  
University of Rochester Medical Center  
University of Utah  
University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and  
Public Health  
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Dentists  
Vanderbilt University Medical Center  
WA State Association of Local Public Health  
Officials  
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Wellness Institute of Greater Buffalo and Western  
New York  
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