

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

February 26, 2007

Dear Member of Congress:

The investment in disease prevention and health promotion for all Americans needs to grow, as our nation struggles with escalating health care costs, growing numbers of uninsured, and the prospect of declining health measured by overall morbidity and mortality. Over the past four years we have seen a decrease in that investment. The President's budget for FY 2008 continues to seriously underfund and undermine an important part of the solution: public health activities and programs.

While the final FY 2007 funding resolution provided needed increases to selected programs, most public health programs were held at FY 2006 funding levels. The undersigned organizations urge you to increase funding for public health through the Function 550/discretionary budget allocation in Fiscal Year 2008 by an amount that will restore funding cuts to public health programs enacted in FY 2006, and restore lost purchasing power. It is estimated that an additional \$4 billion, 7.8 percent, will be needed in FY 2008 to meet that goal and reverse the erosion of support for the continuum of biomedical, behavioral and health services research, community-based disease prevention and health promotion, basic and targeted services for the medically uninsured and those with disabilities, health professions education, and robust regulation of the nation's food and drug supply.

Our recommendation does not include, but rather is over and above, emergency funding requests.

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Sincerely,

Academy of General Dentistry  
Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research  
Administrators of Internal Medicine  
Affymetrix, Inc.  
AIDS Action Committee  
AIDS Action Council  
AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth & Families  
AIDS Project Los Angeles

Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine  
Alliance for Aging Research  
Alpha-1 Association  
Alpha-1 Foundation  
Alzheimer's Association  
Ambulatory Pediatric Association  
American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology  
American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry  
American Academy of Dermatology Association  
American Academy of Family Physicians  
American Academy of HIV Medicine  
American Academy of Neurology  
American Academy of Nurse Practitioners  
American Academy of Nursing  
American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons  
American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation  
American Academy of Physician Assistants  
American Association for Cancer Research  
American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry  
American Association for Health Education  
American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy  
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases  
American Association for the Surgery of Trauma  
American Association for Thoracic Surgery  
American Association of Neurological Surgeons  
American Diabetes Association  
American Pain Foundation  
American Society for Human Genetics  
American Society for Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics  
American Society for Reproductive Medicine  
American Society of Pediatric Nephrology  
American Association of Anatomists  
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 Immunologists  
American Association of Neurological Surgeons  
American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons  
American Association of People with Disabilities  
American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities  
American Brain Coalition  
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network  
American College Health Association

American College of Clinical Pharmacology  
American College of Clinical Pharmacy  
American College of Emergency Medicine  
American College of Medical Genetics  
American College of Neuropsychopharmacology  
American College of Nurse Practitioners  
American College of Nurse-Midwives  
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
American College of Osteopathic Internists  
American College of Physicians  
American College of Preventive Medicine  
American College of Surgeons  
American Dance Therapy Association  
American Dental Association  
American Dental Education Association  
American Dental Hygienists' Association  
American Dietetic Association  
American Federation for Medical Research  
American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees  
American Gastroenterological Association  
American Geriatrics Society  
American Heart Association  
American Hospital Association  
American Lung Association  
American Medical Association  
American Medical Student Association  
American Mental Health Counselors Association  
American Music Therapy Association  
American Nephrology Nurses' Association  
American Nurses Association  
American Occupational Therapy Association  
American Optometric Association  
American Orthopaedic Association  
American Osteopathic Association  
American Pediatric Society  
American Pharmacists Association  
American Physical Therapy Association  
American Physiological Society  
American Podiatric Medical Association  
American Psychiatric Association  
American Psychological Association  
American Public Health Association  
American Radiological Nursing Association  
American Social Health Association  
American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
American Society for Cell Biology

American Society for Investigative Pathology  
American Society for Microbiology  
American Society for Nutrition  
American Society of Clinical Oncology  
American Society of Hematology  
American Society of Nephrology  
American Society of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology  
American Society of Transplantation  
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene  
American Sociological Association  
American Telemedicine Association  
American Thoracic Society  
American Trauma Society  
Americans for Medical Progress  
America's Blood Centers  
amfAR, The Foundation for AIDS Research  
Amputee Coalition of America  
Angioma Alliance  
AO North America  
Aplastic Anemia & MDS International Foundation  
Arthritis Foundation  
ASD Healthcare  
Association for Clinical Research Training  
Association for Prevention Teaching and Research  
Association for Psychological Science  
Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology  
Association of Academic Health Centers  
Association of Academic Physiatrists  
Association of Air Medical Services  
Association of American Cancer Institutes  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Association of American Physicians  
Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges  
Association of Chiropractic Colleges  
Association of Departments of Family Medicine  
Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors  
Association of Independent Research Institutes  
Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs  
Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs  
Association of Medical School Pharmacology Chairs  
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools  
Association of Organ Procurement Organizations  
Association of Pathology Chairs  
Association of Population Centers  
Association of Professors of Medicine  
Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine

Association of Public Health Laboratories  
Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions  
Association of Schools of Public Health  
Association of Specialty Professors  
Association of State and Territorial Health Officials  
Association of University Centers on Disabilities  
Association of University Professors of Neurology  
Association of University Programs in Health Administration  
Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses  
Associations of Professors of Dermatology  
Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America  
Autism Society of America  
Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law  
Bedford Stuyvesant/Crown Heights HIV Care Network  
Biophysical Society  
Biotechnology Industry Organization  
Boston University School of Medicine  
Boys Town National Research Hospital  
Brain Injury Association of America  
Brown University  
Campaign for Medical Research  
Campaign for Public Health  
Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids  
Cancer Research Fund / VHL Alliance  
Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation  
CARES Foundation, Inc.  
Cedars-Sinai Health System  
Celiac Sprue Association  
Center for Emerging Technologies  
Center for Science in the Public Interest  
Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science  
Child Neurology Society  
Christopher Reeve Foundation  
Clerkship Directors in Internal Medicine  
Coalition for American Trauma Care  
Coalition for Health Funding  
Coalition for Health Services Research  
Coalition for Pulmonary Fibrosis  
Coalition for Pulmonary Fibrosis  
Coalition for the Advancement of Health Through Behavioral and Social Sciences Research  
Coalition to Protect Research  
Coalition of Heritable Disorders of Connective Tissue  
Coalition to Protect Research  
Columbia University Medical Center  
Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service  
Community Health Partnership: Oregon's Public Health Institute

Community HIV/AIDS Mobilization Project  
Community Mental Health Council  
Congress of Neurological Surgeons  
Consortium of Social Science Associations  
Cooley's Anemia Foundation  
COPD Foundation  
Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics  
Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists  
Critical Illness and Trauma Foundation  
Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America  
Cutaneous Lymphoma Foundation  
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation  
Digestive Disease National Coalition  
Directors of Health Promotion and Education  
Duke University Medical Center  
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation  
East Coast Greenway Alliance  
Easter Seals  
Epilepsy Foundation  
ESA, Inc.  
Eta Sigma Gamma  
FAIR Foundation  
Families USA  
FamilyCook Productions  
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology  
Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health  
Fitness Forward  
Friends of Cancer Research  
Friends of NIDA  
General Clinical Research Centers Program Directors Association  
Genetic Alliance  
Genetic Alliance BioBank  
Genetics Society of Americas  
Grifols, Inc.  
Harvard University  
Health and Wellness Department  
Healthcare Association of New York State  
Healthy Maine Walks Coalition  
Heart Rhythm Society  
Hepatitis Foundation International  
HETC Program Directors Coalition  
HHT Foundation International  
HIV Medicine Association  
HLRCC Family Alliance  
Huntington's Disease Society of America  
Hydrocephalus Association

IDEA Health & Fitness Association  
Immunization Action Coalition  
Infectious Diseases Society of America  
Intermountain Injury Control Research Center  
International Association of Medical Science Educators  
International Foundation for Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders  
International Myeloma Foundation  
Jewish Genetic Disease Consortium  
Johns Hopkins Institutions  
Joint Steering Committee for Public Policy  
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation  
Lance Armstrong Foundation  
Lupus Research Institute National Coalition  
Lymphoma Research Foundation  
March of Dimes Foundation  
Matria Healthcare, Inc.  
Mecklenburg Council on Health and Fitness  
Medical Library Association/ Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries  
Medicine-Pediatrics Program Directors Association  
Meharry Medical College  
Mental Health America  
Mental Health Liaison Group  
Morehouse School of Medicine  
Mount Sinai Medical Center  
Musculoskeletal Tumor Society  
NAADAC, The Association for Addiction Professionals  
NASULGC, A Public University Association  
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research  
National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors  
National Alliance on Mental Illness  
National Alopecia Areata Foundation  
National Area Health Education Centers Organization  
National Association for Biomedical Research  
National Association for Children's Behavioral Health  
National Association for Geriatric Education  
National Association for Geriatric Education Centers  
National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems  
National Association for Sport and Physical Education  
National Association of Medical Minority Educators, Inc.  
National Association of Children's Hospitals  
National Association of Chronic Disease Directors  
National Association of Community Health Centers  
National Association of County and City Health Officials  
National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors  
National Association of Local Boards of Health  
National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems

National Association of Social Workers  
National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors  
National Association of State Head Injury Administrators  
National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors  
National Athletic Trainers' Association  
National Black Church Initiative  
National Black Nurses Association  
National Business Coalition on Health  
National Caucus of Basic Biomedical Science Chairs  
National Coalition for LGBT Health  
National Conference of Gerontological Nurse Practitioners  
National Council for Diversity in the Health Professions  
National Down Syndrome Society  
National Eczema Association  
National EMS Information System Technical Assistance Center  
National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association  
National Gerontological Nursing Organization  
National Health Council  
National Hemophilia Foundation  
National Hispanic Medical Association  
National Kidney Foundation  
National Marfan Foundation  
National Network of Health Career Programs  
National Organization for Rare Disorders  
National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health  
National Osteoporosis Foundation  
National Primate Research Centers  
National Psoriasis Foundation  
National Recreation and Park Association  
National Rural Health Association  
National Rural Recruitment and Retention Network  
National Sleep Foundation  
National Tay-Sachs & Allied Diseases Association, Inc.  
National WIC Association  
NBIA Disorders Association  
NephCure Foundation  
New York AIDS Coalition  
New York Coalition for Healthy School Foods  
New York Stem Cell Foundation  
North American Primary Care Research Group  
North American Brain Tumor Coalition  
Northern Nevada Genetic Counseling  
Northwestern University  
NYU Hospitals  
NYU School of Medicine  
Ohio State University Medical Center

Oncology Nursing Society  
OraSure Technologies, Inc.  
Orthopaedic Trauma Association  
Ovarian Cancer National Alliance  
Partners for a Healthy Nevada  
PKD Foundation  
Population Association of America  
Prevent Blindness America  
Produce for Better Health Foundation  
Project Inform  
Pulmonary Hypertension Association  
PXE International  
Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America  
Research Institute for Independent Living  
Research!America  
Save ADAP, Inc.  
SC Coalition for Promoting Physical Activity  
School Health Education and Services Section, APHA  
Sexuality Information and Education Council of the U.S.  
Shock Society  
Sjögren's Syndrome Foundation  
Society for Adolescent Medicine  
Society for Investigative Dermatology  
Society for Neuroscience  
Society for Pediatric Research  
Society for Public Health Education  
Society for Research in Child Development  
Society for Women's Health Research  
Society of General Internal Medicine  
Society of Gynecologic Oncologists  
Society of Hospital Medicine  
Society of Interventional Radiology  
Society of Teachers of Family Medicine  
Society of Trauma Nurses  
Spina Bifida Association  
St. George's University School of Medicine  
Stanford University School of Medicine  
Steps to a Healthier New Orleans  
Stony Brook University Medical Center  
Suicide Prevention Action Network USA  
SUNY Upstate Medical University, Syracuse  
Teen Screen  
The AIDS Institute  
The American Geriatrics Society  
The Arc of the United States  
United Cerebral Palsy

The Cooper Institute  
The Endocrine Society  
The Gerontological Society of America  
The Jeffrey Modell Foundation  
The Learning Disabilities Association of America  
The Progeria Research Foundation, Inc.  
The Sturge-Weber Foundation  
Therapeutic Communities of America  
Title II Community AIDS National Network  
Trauma Managers Association of California  
Trisomy 18 Foundation  
Trust for America's Health  
United States Water Fitness Association  
University of Chicago  
University of Florida Health Science Center  
University of Illinois Chicago College of Medicine  
University of Minnesota  
University of Nebraska Medical Center  
University of Rochester  
University of Washington  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Vanderbilt University Medical Center  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center  
Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials  
Wound Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society  
Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine  
Yale University  
YMCA of the USA