

May 3, 2004

The Honorable Bill Young
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
H-218, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The undersigned organizations urge you to provide the highest possible allocation for the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Subcommittee, when the Appropriations Committee meets to determine the 302b allocations for the various subcommittees.

While we sincerely appreciate the great difficulty facing you in determining the appropriate level of resources for a range of pressing national needs, the undersigned organizations believe that the activities and programs supported by the U.S. Public Health Service are essential to protect and promote the health of the American people, whether the focus is naturally occurring infectious diseases, reducing costly chronic diseases and disability, or preparing for the consequences of terrorist attacks. These public health challenges are addressed through a continuum of biomedical, behavioral and health services research; community-based prevention, health promotion and treatment strategies; a range of health care services targeted to medically underserved populations; and training of a health and public health workforce in adequate numbers to meet the breadth of need. Today, none of the public health challenges facing the nation is being fully addressed and yet stronger investment in the continuum of public activity can achieve optimal health outcomes and optimal terrorism preparedness for the American people.

Again, the undersigned organizations urge you to do everything possible to provide the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education the highest possible allocation. A healthy America is a strong America and a critical asset in facing the serious challenges ahead.

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Sincerely,

Academic Health Centers Clinical Research Forum
Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research Funding
Administrators of Internal Medicine
AIDS Action
AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth & Families
AIDS Foundation of Chicago

Allegheny Singer Research Institute Center for Genomic Sciences
Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine
Alliance for Aging Research
Alliance for Lung Cancer Advocacy Support and Education
Alpha-1 Association
Alpha-1 Foundation
Alzheimer's Association
Ambulatory Pediatric Association
AMD Alliance International
American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology
American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
American Academy of Dermatology Association
American Academy of Emergency Medicine
American Academy of Family Physicians
American Academy of Nurse Practitioners
American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons
American Academy of Otolaryngology--Head and Neck Surgery
American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Academy of Physician Assistants
American Association for Cancer Research
American Association for Dental Research
American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry
American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy
American Association for the Advancement of Science
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases
American Association for the Surgery of Trauma
American Association for Thoracic Surgery
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 Neurological Surgeons
American Board of Examiners in Clinical Social Work
American Cancer Society
American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology
American College of Cardiology
American College of Clinical Pharmacology
American College of Emergency Physicians
American College of Nuclear Physicians
American College of Neuropsychopharmacology
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American College of Preventive Medicine
American College of Rheumatology
American College of Surgeons
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 Foundation for AIDS Research
American Foundation for Urologic Disease
American Gastroenterological Association
American Geriatrics Society
American Group Psychotherapy Association
American Heart Association
American Hospital Association
American Institute for Stuttering
American Liver Foundation
American Medical Student Association
American Mental Health Counselors Association
American Nurses Association
American Occupational Therapy Association
American Optometric 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 Psychological Society
American Public Health Association
American School Health 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 Clinical Nutrition
American Society for Clinical Pathology
American Society for Microbiology
American Society for Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics
American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology
American Society of Addiction Medicine
American Society of Clinical Oncology
American Society of Hematology
American Society of Nephrology
American Society of Pediatric Nephrology
American Society of Radiologic Technologists

American Sociological Association
American Therapeutic Recreation Association
American Thoracic Society
American Tinnitus Association
American Urological Association
Americans for Better Care of the Dying
America's Blood Centers
Arthritis Foundation
Association for the Advancement of Psychology
Association of American Medical Colleges
Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges
Association of Departments of Family Medicine
Association of Family Practice Residency Directors
Association of General Clinical Research Centers Program Directors
Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs
Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools
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 Health Officials
Association of Subspecialty Professors
Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine
Association of University Centers on Disabilities
Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses
Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America
Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law
BJC HealthCare
Boston University School of Medicine
Boys Town National Research Hospital
Brain Injury Association of America
Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids
CARES Foundation, Inc.
Center for Science in the Public Interest
Center for the Advancement of Health
Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science
Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation
Clerkship Directors in Internal Medicine
Clinical Social Work Federation
Coalition for American Trauma Care
Coalition for Health Funding
Coalition for Health Services Research
Columbia University Medical Center
Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S Public Health Service
Communities Advocating Emergency AIDS Relief Coalition

Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals
Consortium of Social Science Associations
Continuum
Cooley's Anemia Foundation
College of Neurological Surgeons
Coriell Institute for Medical Research
Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists
Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Delta Dental Plans
Digestive Disease National Coalition
Duke University Medical Center
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation
Easter Seals
Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma
Emergency Nurses Association
Epilepsy Foundation
ESA, Inc.
Every Child By Two
Families USA
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology
Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health
First Candle/Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Alliance
Genetic Alliance
Genetics Society of America
Health Professions Network
Hemophilia Federation of America
Hepatitis Foundation International
Hispanic Public Health Association
Hispanic-Serving Health Professions Schools, Inc.
HIV Medicine Association
Immune Deficiency Foundation
Infectious Diseases Society of America
International Association of Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services
International Foundation for Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders
Jeffrey Modell Foundation
Joint Steering Committee for Public Policy
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
Lance Armstrong Foundation
Lymphoma Research Foundation
March of Dimes
Meridian Health
Morehouse School of Medicine
NAADAC - The Association for Addiction Professionals
NARAL Pro-Choice America
National Alliance for Hispanic Health

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill
National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors
National Alopecia Areata Foundation
National Assembly on School-Based Health Care
National Association for Biomedical Research
National Association for Geriatric Education
National Association of Children's Hospitals
National Association of Community Health Centers
National Association of County and City Health Officials
National Association of County Behavioral Health Directors
National Association of EMS Physicians
National Association of Geriatric Education Centers
National Association of Local Boards of Health
National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems
National Association of School Nurses
National Association of School Psychologists
National Association of Social Workers
National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors
National Association of State EMS Directors
National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors
National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges
National Athletic Trainers' Association
National Caucus for Basic Biomedical Science Chairs
National Coalition for Cancer Research
National Coalition for Osteoporosis and Related Bone Diseases
National Coalition of STD Directors
National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association
National Foundation for Trauma Care
National Health Council
National Hispanic Medical Association
National Kidney Foundation
National League for Nursing
National Marfan Foundation
National Mental Health Association
National MS Society
National Organization for Rare Disorders
National Osteoporosis Foundation
National Prostate Cancer Coalition
National Psoriasis Foundation
National Rural Health Association
National Sleep Foundation
National Society for Histotechnology
NephCure Foundation
Neuropathy Association
New Jersey Geriatrics Society
North American Brain Tumor Coalition

North American Primary Care Research Group
Ohio State University Medical Center
Oncology Nursing Society
Orthopaedic Trauma Association
Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network
Population Association of America/Association of Population Centers
Prevent Blindness America
Pulmonary Hypertension Association
PXE International
Research!America
RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association
Sisters Network Inc., Houston, TX
Sjogren'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 Women's Health Research
Society of General Internal Medicine
Society of Nuclear Medicine
Society of Teachers of Family Medicine
Society of Trauma Nurses
Stanford University School of Medicine
Suicide Prevention Action Network USA
SUNY Upstate Medical University
TeenScreen
The AIDS Institute
The American Association of Immunologists
The American Society for Cell Biology
The American Society for Reproductive Medicine
The American Society of Human Genetics
The Gerontological Society of America
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
The Mount Sinai Medical Center
The Myositis Association
The Paget Foundation
The Protein Society
Therapeutic Communities of America
Trust for America's Health
Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance
United Ostomy Association
University of Alabama School of Medicine
University of California

University of Florida Health Science Center
University of Iowa
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Us TOO Prostate Cancer Education and Support Network
Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Wake Forest School of Medicine
Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis
Woodruff Health Sciences Center, Emory University

cc: Speaker Hastert
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