

CDC Coalition

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The Honorable Robert Aderholt
Chair
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

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee
on Labor, Health and Human Services,
Education, and Related Agencies
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
Ranking Member
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee
on Labor, Health and Human Services,
Education, and Related Agencies
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairs Aderholt and Capito, and Ranking Members DeLauro and Baldwin:

The 165 undersigned members of the CDC Coalition and other supporting state, national and academic organizations urge you to include **\$11.581 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's programs in the FY 2027 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies appropriations bill**. We are grateful for your efforts to pass a final FY 2026 funding bill that supports CDC programs and funding, rejects extreme cuts, and rejects the dismantling of key programs and centers at the agency. Already, due to years of underfunding, many of CDC's most effective prevention programs are not reaching all states and communities, hampering efforts to achieve the greatest possible health outcomes in the U.S. We ask that you once again work in a bipartisan manner this year to fund the agency and its many programs that protect the public from health threats and prevent disease and disability. We also urge you to conduct congressional oversight related to any proposed agency and program reorganizations, maintain protections in the bill that ensure funding is disbursed on time and for intended programs and grants, maintain staffing to meet the agency's statutory requirements, and reject controversial policy riders that negatively impact public health.

We continue to be alarmed by the administration's ongoing efforts to cancel approved CDC funding for programs to strengthen state and local public health infrastructure, HIV/AIDS prevention, protect the public from environmental health threats, and reduce the burden of chronic diseases. While some of these funding cancellations have been reversed, the administration has on several occasions threatened to revoke funding that states, local governments and community-based organizations rely upon to improve health across the nation. pressing forward with others that are critical to supporting key programs at state, local, tribal and territorial health departments and other community-based programs. Notably, nearly 80% of CDC's domestic budget supports public health and prevention activities through state, tribal, local and territorial health organizations and agencies, national public health partners and academic institutions

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 ensure an adequate translation of new research into effective state and local programs. Coalition member groups represent millions of public health workers, researchers, clinicians, educators, academic institutions, health policy advocates, patients and individuals and families served by CDC programs.

The agency plays a leading role in detecting and mitigating disease outbreaks in the U.S. and globally. CDC is currently monitoring and investigating the measles cases and outbreaks that have impacted 32 states, resulting in at least 1478 confirmed cases, and is on alert for other disease outbreaks in the U.S. and internationally. CDC also leads the nation's efforts for pandemic flu and other public health preparedness activities and is the nation's – and a global – expert resource and response center, coordinating communications and action and serving as the laboratory reference center. States, communities and international partners rely on CDC for accurate information, expertise and resources to ensure they can prepare, respond and recover from a crisis or disease outbreak.

CDC is also faced with other unprecedented challenges and responsibilities, including chronic disease prevention. Chronic and mental health conditions account for 90% of the country's \$4.5 trillion in annual health care costs, and many of these are preventable with appropriate support. As repeated outbreaks and emergencies have demonstrated, chronic diseases and infectious diseases are inextricably linked. Good underlying health is a critical component to preventing severe infection and death from communicable diseases. CDC's experts and programs closely coordinate to protect all of our communities from these multifaceted threats.

CDC addresses the leading causes of death and disability by supporting this critical work across the country and in every state. No other federal agency or private entity can substitute for the expertise, technical assistance, data and research that CDC provides to jurisdictions and partners. CDC funds programs for strengthening public health infrastructure at all levels; public health emergency preparedness at all levels; strengthening and expanding the public health workforce; injury prevention; suicide prevention, including among the nation's veterans; global health security; health promotion in schools and workplaces; the prevention of diabetes, heart disease, stroke, cancer, lung disease and other chronic diseases; tobacco prevention and control; nutrition and physical activity; immunizations; HIV, STI, tuberculosis and hepatitis prevention; prevention of vector-borne diseases; environmental health, including the prevention of childhood lead poisoning and implementing community-based climate and severe weather adaptation strategies; drowning prevention; oral health; reducing health disparities; preventing maternal and infant mortality and improving birth outcomes; sickle cell disease data collection; preventing antimicrobial resistance; drug overdose prevention; improving the health and quality of life of individuals with disabilities; Alzheimer's disease prevention and awareness; vision and eye health, public health research and health statistics and harmonizing clinical laboratory test results.

In addition to ensuring a strong public health infrastructure and protecting our communities from public health threats and emergencies, CDC programs are crucial to reducing health care costs. Despite the progress CDC has made in addressing these needs, the agency's programs remain underfunded. **We urge you to include at least \$11.581 billion for CDC's programs in the FY**

2027 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies appropriations bill and to reject any efforts to dismantle the agency or eliminate any of its essential public health programs.

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

Sincerely,

Academic Pediatric Association
Alaska Public Health Association
Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine (AAIM)
Alpha-gal Alliance Action Fund
American Academy of Family Physicians
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges
American Association on Health and Disability
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American College of Chest Physicians
American College of Clinical Pharmacy
American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians
American College of Physicians
American College of Preventive Medicine
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
American Heart Association
American Lung Association
American Pediatric Society
American Public Health Association
American Society for Microbiology
American Society for Reproductive Medicine
American Society of Hematology
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
American Statistical Association
American Thoracic Society
Arizona Public Health Association
Arthritis Foundation
Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF)
Association for Diagnostics & Laboratory Medicine
Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC)
Association of American Medical Colleges
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs
Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs
Association of Ohio Health Commissioners
Association of Public Health Laboratories
Association of Schools Advancing Health Professions
Association of Schools and Programs Of Public Health

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America
Big Cities Health Coalition
Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids
Center for Lyme Action
Center for Science in the Public Interest
Children's Environmental Health Network
City University of New York Graduate School of Public Health and Health Policy
Color of Gastrointestinal Illnesses
Connecticut Public Health Association
Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists
Defend Public Health
Delaware Academy of Medicine & Public Health
Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation
Endocrine Society
Entomological Society of America
Epilepsy Foundation of America
Farmington Valley Health District
Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences
Fight Colorectal Cancer
Florida Public Health Association
Foundation for Healthy Generations
Futures Without Violence
Georgia Mosquito Control Association
Georgia Public Health Association
Gerontological Society of America
Global Liver Institute
Green & Healthy Homes Initiative
Health by Design
Health Care Without Harm
Health Resources in Action
Healthy Places by Design
Healthy Teen Network
HealthyWomen
Hepatitis B Foundation
HIV Medicine Association
HIV+Hepatitis Policy Institute
I am Health Education
IC&RC
Illinois Public Health Association
Indiana Public Health Association
Infectious Diseases Society of America
International WELL Building Institute
Iowa Public Health Association
Johns Hopkins University & Medicine
Kansas Association of Local Health Departments
Kansas Public Health Association
Lakeshore Foundation
Louisiana Public Health Association (LPHA)

Lupus Foundation of America
Maine Public Health Association
March of Dimes
Maryland Association of County Health Officers
Massachusetts Public Health Alliance
Minnesota Public Health Association
Mississippi Public Health Association
Missouri Public Health Association
Montana Public Health Association
NASTAD
National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems
National Association of County & City Health Officials
National Association of Local Boards of Health
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials
National Center for Healthy Housing
National Coalition of STD Directors
National Consumers League
National Environmental Health Association
National Forum for Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention
National League for Nursing
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
National Network of Public Health Institutes
National Recreation and Park Association
NC Public Health Association
Ness County Health Department
Nevada Public Health Association
New Hampshire Public Health Association
New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officials (NJACCHO)
New Jersey Public Health Association (NJPHA)
New Mexico Public Health Association
New York State Public Health Association
NMAC
Northeast Regional Center for Excellence in Vector-Borne Diseases
Ogle County Health Department
Oklahoma City-County Health Department
Oregon Coalition of Local Health Officials
OUCH-Int'l (Oncologists United for Climate and Health)
Parkinson's Foundation
Pediatric Policy Council
Pennsylvania Public Health Association
Physicians for Social Responsibility
Prevent Blindness
Prevention Institute
Public Health Association of Nebraska
Public Health Foundation
Public Health Institute
Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research (PRIM&R)
Research!America

Safe States Alliance
SHAPE America - Society of Health and Physical Educators
Smoke Free St Joe (Indiana County Coalition)
Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine
Society for Pediatric Research
Society for Public Health Education
Society of Behavioral Medicine
South Carolina Public Health Association
South Dakota Public Health Association
Southeastern Center of Excellence in Vector-Borne Diseases
Southern California Public Health Association
Tennessee Public Health Association
Texas Association of City & County Health Officials
Tourette Association of America
Trust for America's Health
UsAgainstAlzheimer's
Utah Public Health Association
Vaccinate Your Family
Vermont Public Health Association
Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials
Washington State Public Health Association
WellLink Health Alliance
Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards
Wisconsin Public Health Association
Wyoming Public Health Association
YMCA of the USA

cc: The Honorable Tom Cole
The Honorable Susan Collins
The Honorable Patty Murray
Members of the House and Senate Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and
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