

March 3, 2017

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump:

On behalf of the more than 500 undersigned organizations, we are writing to warn of the dire consequences of repealing the Prevention and Public Health Fund (the Prevention Fund), authorized under the Affordable Care Act. Repealing the Prevention Fund without a corresponding increase in the allocation for the Labor-Health and Human Services-Education appropriations bill would leave a funding gap for essential public health programs, and could also foretell deep cuts for other critical programs funded in the bill.

Today, more than 12 percent of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) budget is supplied through Prevention Fund investments. This includes core public health programs that provide essential funds to help states keep communities healthy and safe, such as the 317 immunization program, epidemiology and laboratory capacity grants, the entire Preventive Health and Health Services (Prevent) Block Grant program, cancer screenings, chronic disease prevention and other critically important programs. For example, the Prevent Block Grant provides all 50 states, the District of Columbia, two American Indian tribes, and eight U.S. territories with flexible funding to address their unique public health issues at the state and community level.

Despite the growing and geographically disparate burden of largely preventable diseases, health threats such as the opioid epidemic, and emerging infectious disease outbreaks such as the Zika virus, federal disease prevention and public health programs remain critically underfunded. Public health spending is still below pre-recession levels, having remained relatively flat for years. The CDC's budget authority has actually decreased by 11.4 percent since FY 2010 adjusted for inflation, and the Prevention Fund has helped to make up the difference.

Discretionary programs, including public health, education, and job training programs funded through the Labor-Health and Human Services-Education (LHHS) appropriations spending bill have been cut dramatically and disproportionately in recent years as lawmakers have worked to reduce the deficit, even though experts across the political spectrum agree these programs are not a driving factor behind our nation's mid- and long term fiscal challenges. Eliminating the Prevention Fund would be disastrous to the CDC budget and programs, and to the LHHS bill as a whole, leaving a nearly \$1 billion budget hole which would be impossible to fill under current discretionary spending caps.

Funding prevention not only saves lives but it saves money. A comprehensive study of evidence-based prevention programs found that every dollar invested yields \$5.60 in savings. There are many provisions of the Affordable Care Act aimed at promoting health and prevention, but the Prevention Fund is particularly important – a dedicated investment in prevention and public health activities to counteract the much larger bill – \$3.2 trillion and growing – we pay every year as a country to treat illness and disease.

We urge you to maintain funding made possible by the Prevention and Public Health Fund and safeguard funding for the CDC and other programs under the Labor-HHS-Education spending bill.

Sincerely,

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Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

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Active Living By Design

Active Transportation Alliance

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ADAP Advocacy Association (aaa+)

Addiction Connections Resource

Adult Congenital Heart Association

Advancement Project California

Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital

Advocates for Better Children's Diets

African American Health Alliance

AIDS Alliance for Women, Infants,

Children, Youth & Families

The AIDS Institute

AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta

AIDS United

Allamakee County Public Health

American Academy of HIV Medicine

American Academy of Pediatrics

American Association for Dental Research

American Association for the Study of

Liver Diseases

American Association of Colleges of Nursing

American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy

American Association of Naturopathic

Physicians

American Association of Neuromuscular &

Electrodiagnostic Medicine

American Association on Health and Disability

American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

American College of Cardiology

American College of Clinical Pharmacy

American College of Preventive Medicine

American College of Sports Medicine

American Council on Exercise

American Diabetes Association

American Federation of State, County and

Municipal Employees

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

American Heart Association

American Immunization Registry Association

American Indian/Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian

APHA Caucus

The American Academy of HIV Medicine

American Lung Association

American Medical Student Association

American Organization of Nurse Executives

American Psychological Association

American Public Health Association

American School Health Association

American Sexual Health Association

American Society for Nutrition

American Society of Hematology

American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene

American STD Association

American Thoracic Society

Ann & Robert H. Lurie Foundation

APICAT for Healthy Communities

APLA Health

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Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest
 Arizona Health Care Association
 Arizona Medical Association
 The Arizona Partnership for Immunization
 Arizona Public Health Association
 Arizona Rural Health Association
 Arkansas Public Health Association
 Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum
 Asian Services In Action
 Association for Clinical and Translational Science
 Association for Prevention Teaching and Research
 Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology
 Association of Accredited Naturopathic Medical Colleges
 Association of Accredited Public Health Programs
 Association of American Cancer Institutes
 Association of American Medical Colleges
 Association of Community Health Nursing Educators
 Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs
 Association of Montana Public Health Officials
 Association of Public Health Laboratories
 Association of Public Health Nurses
 Association of Reproductive Health Professionals
 Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health
 Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
 Association of State Public Health Nutritionists
 Association of University Centers on Disabilities
 Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America
 Atrius Health
 Authority Health
 Barnes ON THE MOVE Partnership
 Behavioral Health Leadership Institute
 Benzie Leelanau District Health Department (Benzonia, MI)
 Berean Wellness & Community Support Center
 Big Cities Health Coalition
 Boston Alliance for Community Health
 Boston Public Health Commission
 Boston Senior Home Care
 Boston University School of Public Health
 Boulder County Public Health
 The Bronx Health Link
 Bronx Health REACH
 California Public Health Association-North
 California WIC Association
 California WIC Association
 Cambridge Health Alliance
 Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids
 Camptonville Community Partnership
 Cancer Council of the Pacific Islands
 Canyon Ranch Center for Prevention & Health Promotion
 Cedar County Public Health
 Center for Behavioral Epidemiology & Community Health
 Center for Health and Learning
 Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention
 Center for Science in the Public Interest
 Center in the Park
 Central California Asthma Collaborative
 Central Jersey Family Health Consortium
 Central Michigan District Health Department
 Central Michigan Regional Rural Health Network
 Centralina Area Agency on Aging
 Centro Multicultural La Familia
 Cerro Gordo County Department of Public Health
 Chalk Talk Science Project
 ChangeLab Solutions
 Chicago Commons
 Childhood Obesity Prevention Coalition (WA State)
 Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)
 Children's Environmental Health Network
 Children's Health Fund
 Children's Mental Health Network
 City-County Health District
 Clinical Research Forum
 Coalition for Clinical and Translational Science
 Coalition for Health Funding
 Coalition for Healthy School Food
 Coconino County Public Health Services District

College of Public Health and Human Sciences,
 Oregon State University
 Colorado Association of Local Public Health
 Officials
 Colorado Association of School Nurses
 Colorado Children's Immunization Coalition
 Colorado Public Health Association
 Commissioned Officers Association of the
 U.S. Public Health Service, Inc. (COA)
 CommonHealth ACTION
 Community Access National Network (CANN)
 Community Clinic Consortium
 Community Health Councils
 Community Health Improvement Partners
 Connecticut Directors of Health Association
 Connecticut Public Health Association
 Conrad House, Inc.
 Contact Wellness Foundation
 Cooley's Anemia Foundation
 COPD Foundation
 Council for Diabetes Prevention
 Council of State and Territorial
 Epidemiologists
 Council on Aging- Chicopee, MA
 County Health Executives Association
 of California
 County of San Diego Health and Human
 Services Agency
 The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America
 Cultiva La Salud
 Delaware Academy of Medicine /
 Delaware Public Health Association
 Delaware County Office for the Aging
 Delaware Public Health Association
 Denver Public Health
 Des Ahrens Lactation Consulting
 Detroit Public Health STD Clinic
 Diabetes Center for Improvement
 Digestive Disease National Coalition
 Dignity Health
 Directors of Health Promotion and Education
 District Health Department #10 (Tampa, FL)
 District Health Department 2 & 4
 (West Branch, MI)
 Diversified Resources Group
 Doctors for America
 Dorchester County Health Department
 Duxbury Council On Aging
 Dystonia Medical Research Foundation
 Early Impact Virginia
 Edna Bennett Pierce Prevention Center,
 Penn State University
 Ehrens Consulting
 Elder Options
 Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, Inc.
 Elder Services of Worcester Area, Inc.
 Element Health, Inc.
 Emory University
 Endocrine Society
 Enhance Asian Community on Health
 Evidence-Based Leadership Council
 Fairhill Partners
 The Family Van: Harvard Medical School
 Fayette County Health Department
 Feeling Good MN
 First In Families of North Carolina
 Florida Breastfeeding Coalition
 The Food Trust
 Forest Grove Public Schools Region 6
 Regional Prevention Coordinators
 Foundation for Healthy Generations
 Fund for Public Health in New York City
 Futures Without Violence
 Gallatin City-County Health Department
 GBS|CIDP Foundation International
 George Washington University Cancer Center
 Georgia Society For Public Health Education
 Global Liver Institute
 Grand Traverse County Health Department
 Greater Holyoke YMCA
 The Greenlining Institute
 Harrison County Home and Public Health
 Hawaii Public Health Association
 Hawaii Public Health Institute
 Healing Touch Massage
 Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City
 Health Connect of South Dakota
 Health Department of Northwest Michigan
 Health Living Collaborative of Southwest Washington
 Health Promotion Council of Southeastern Pennsylvania
 Inc.
 Health Resources in Action

Healthcare Ready
Healthy Communities Coalition
Healthy Living Cape Cod
Healthy Oxford Hills
Healthy Schools Campaign
Healthy Teen Network
Healthy Weight Partnership
Hemophilia Council of California
Hemophilia Foundation of Southern California
Hepatitis B Foundation
Hepatitis Foundation International
Heritage Health and Housing
Hispanic Health Initiatives, Inc.
HIV Medicine Association
HLN Consulting, LLC
Hogg Foundation for Mental Health
Home Care Alliance of MA
Human Impact Partners
Idaho Public Health Association
Idaho Walk Bike Alliance
Illinois Public Health Institute
Immunize Nevada
Indiana Public Health Association
Infectious Diseases Society of America
Institute for Community & Collaborative Health
Institute for Health and Productivity Studies,
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of
Public Health
Institute for Public Health Innovation
Institute of Social Medicine & Community
Health
Intermountain Public Health Consulting, LLC
International Board of Lactation Consultant
Examiners
International Certification & Reciprocity
Consortium
International Foundation for Functional
Gastrointestinal Disorders
International Society for Disease Surveillance
International Valley Health Institute
Interstitial Cystitis Foundation
Iowa Public Health Association
Jefferson County Public Health
Jeffrey Modell Foundation
John Peter Smith Health Network
Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security
Johns Hopkins University Institute for Health
and Productivity Studies
Joy-Southfield Community Development Corp
Kalusugan Community Services
Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition
Kentucky Voices for Health
Khmer Health Advocates
Kossuth County Public Health
La Alianza Hispana
Lake County Health Department and Community
Health Center
Lakeshore Foundation
The Latino Health Insurance Program, Inc.
Latino Public Health Network at Hopkins
Laurie M. Tisch Center for Food, Education & Policy,
Teachers College Columbia University
Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department
League of American Bicyclists
Levine Senior Center
LiveWell Longmont
Local Public Health Association of Minnesota
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
The Los Angeles Trust for Children's Health
Louisiana Public Health Association
Louisiana Public Health Institute
Lung Cancer Alliance
Maine Public Health Association
MaineHealth
March of Dimes
The Marfan Foundation
Maricopa County Department of Public Health
Maricopa Integrated Health System
Maryland Partnership for Prevention
Maryland Public Health Organization
Massachusetts Public Health Association
Master Trainer
Matter of Balance
Meals on Wheels and Senior
Meharry Medical College
Men's Health Caucus
Mennin Consulting and Associates
Mental Health America of Arizona
METAvivor
Metropolitan Area Planning Council
Metropolitan Chicago Breast Cancer Task Force

Michigan Association for Local Public Health
 Michigan Breastfeeding Network
 MIKE Program
 Minneapolis Health Department
 Minnesota Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
 Minnesota Public Health Association
 Mississippi Public Health Association
 Missouri Association of Area Agencies on Aging
 MJH Grant Consulting
 Monona County Public Health
 Montana Primary Care Association
 Montana Public Health Association
 Montgomery County Health Department
 Montrose County School District
 Morehouse School of Medicine
 Mother & Child Health Coalition
 My Brother's Keeper, Inc.
 NAATPN, Inc.
 NAPHSIS: National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems
 Nashville CARES
 National AHEC Organization
 National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors
 National Alopecia Areata Foundation
 National Association for Health and Fitness
 National Association of Area Agencies on Aging
 National Association of Chronic Disease Directors
 National Association of Counties
 National Association of County and City Health Officials
 National Association of School Nurses
 National Association of Social Workers
 National Birth Defects Prevention Network
 National Birth Equity Collaborative
 National Blood Clot Alliance
 National Center for Disaster Preparedness
 National Center for Health Care
 The National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc
 National Coalition for Promoting Physical Activity
 National Coalition of STD Directors
 National Coalition on Health Care
 National Collaborative for Health Equity
 The National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care
 National Council for Behavioral Health
 National Council on Aging
 National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association
 National Forum for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention
 National Foundation for Infectious Diseases
 National Healthy Start Association
 National Hemophilia Foundation
 National Hispanic Medical Association
 National Institute for Children's Health Quality
 National Latino Network of Casa de Esperanza
 National Network of Public Health Institutes
 National Prevention Science Coalition
 National Recreation and Park Association
 National Resource Center on Domestic Violence
 The National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable
 National WIC Association
 Native Health
 NC SOPHE Advocacy Committee
 Nebraska Association of Local Health Directors
 Nemours Children's Health System
 NephCure Kidney International
 Nevada Public Health Association
 New England Wellness Foundation
 New Jersey Public Health Association
 New Mexico Public Health Association
 The New York Academy of Medicine
 New York State Association of County Health Officials
 Newington Senior and Disabled Center
 NICHQ (National Institute for Children's Health Quality)
 NIRSA: Leaders in Collegiate Recreation
 NJ YMCA State Alliance
 North American Quitline Consortium
 North Carolina Alliance for Health
 North Carolina Society of Public Health Education
 Northern Illinois Public Health Consortium
 Nurse of South Carolina
 OASIS Institute
 Ohio Public Health Association
 Oklahoma Public Health Association
 Olympic Area Agency on Aging

ON THE MOVE, a community public health partnership
 Oregon Public Health Association
 Oregon State University
 Origins FTD, Inc.
 Partners for a Healthier Community
 Partners in Care Foundation
 PATHS Education Worldwide
 Peer Health Exchange
 Peggy Lillis Foundation
 Personal Assistance Services Council
 Philly Breastfeeds
 Planned Parenthood Federation of America
 Presence Mercy Medical Center Health Institute
 Prevent Blindness
 Prevent Cancer Foundation
 Prevention Institute
 Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association
 Primary Care Development Corporation
 Primary Care Medicine & Public Health Synergy
 Prism Health North Texas
 Project Inform
 Project Mend-A-House
 Promoting Healthy
 Protecting Arizona's Family Coalition
 Public Health Advocates
 Public Health Association of Nebraska
 Public Health Association of New York City
 Public Health Delta & Menominee Counties
 Public Health Foundation
 Public Health Institute
 Public Health Solutions
 Pulmonary Fibrosis Advocates
 Pulmonary Hypertension Association
 PureView Health Center
 Quality Home Care Services
 Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Coalition
 Rails-to-Trails Conservancy
 Region 9 Education Cooperative
 Research!America
 Respiratory Health Association
 Retrofit
 RiverStone Health
 Rural AIDS Action Network
 Rural Center for AIDS/STD Prevention at the IU School of Public Health Bloomington
 S2AY Rural Health Network, Inc.
 Sacramento Black Child Development Institute
 Safe and Healthy Communities
 Safe Kids Worldwide
 Safe Routes to School National Partnership
 Safe States Alliance
 Saint Anthony Hospital
 Salud de Paloma
 Sarah Samuels Center for Public Health Research & Evaluation
 School-Based Health Alliance
 Scleroderma Foundation
 SCP Partners
 Second Harvest Food Bank Santa Cruz County
 Self-Management Resource Center
 Senior Citizen Services of Greater Tarrant County Inc.
 Senior Resources - Agency on Aging
 Senior Services of Snohomish County
 Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia
 SeniorsPlus
 Sexuality Information and Education Council of the U.S.
 Shelby County Schools Coordinated School Health
 Shoals Community Clinic
 Sickle Cell Disease Association/PDVC
 Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Honor Society
 Sleep Research Society
 Society for Public Health Education
 Society for the Advancement of Violence and Injury Research (SAVIR)
 The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America
 Society of Behavioral Medicine
 South Alabama Regional Planning Commission
 South Carolina Tobacco-Free Collaborative
 Southeast Ohio Breastfeeding Coalition
 Southern California Public Health Association
 Southern California Society for Public Health Education
 Southern HIV/AIDS Strategy Initiative (SASI)
 Southwest Human Development, Inc.
 SparksInitiatives
 Spina Bifida Association
 Spokane Shrinking Violet Society
 St Clair County Health Department
 Stewart Memorial Community Hospital

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Prevention and Wellness,
George Washington University
Susan G. Komen
Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department
Tennessee Public Health Association
Think Bicycles of Johnson County
Three Rivers district Home Health
Thrive At Life: Working Solutions
Tomorrow Matters!
Training Resources Network, Inc.
Treatment Action Group
Tri County Health Department
(Greenwood, CO)
Trust for America's Health
Tuscola County Health Department
U.S. Hereditary Angioedema Association
United States Breastfeeding Committee
United Way of Tarrant County, TX
Universal Health Care Action Network of Ohio
The University of Texas M.D. Anderson
Cancer Center
Utah Public Health Association
Valley Program for Aging Services
Vermont Public Health Association
VillageCare
Virginia Public Health Association
Walk San Francisco
WalkBoston
The Wall Las Memorias Project
Washington State Association of Local Public
Health Officials (WSALPHO)
Washington State Public Health Association
Wayne State University Center for Health and
Community Impact
Wellco
WellGiG
Wellness Institute of Greater Buffalo
West Valley Neighborhoods Coalition
Western Illinois Area Agency on Aging
Western North Carolina AIDS Project
Wholesome Wave
Wilkes-Barre Family YMCA
Winneshiek County Board of Health
Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging
Wisconsin Public Health Association

WithinReach
Wolfson Wellness
WomenHeart: The National Coalition for
Women with Heart Disease
The Women's Caucus
YCat Yoga Therapy & Jnani Chapman's
Integrative Medicine Service
Youngstown State University