

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,
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Washington, DC 20515

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

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

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

The undersigned 172 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 2025 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies appropriations bill**. This amount matches our coalition's request in FY 2024 and the amount President Biden included in his FY 2024 budget request to Congress. Strong funding for CDC is critical to supporting all of CDC's activities and programs. However, due to years of underfunding, many of CDC's most effective prevention programs are not reaching all states and communities. In addition, our organizations will strongly oppose any efforts to cut funding for the agency's programs or attach damaging policy riders to the bill, both of which would threaten the health and wellbeing of communities in every state.

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.

CDC serves as the command center for the nation's public health defense system against emerging and reemerging infectious diseases as well as man-made and natural disasters. From playing a lead role in the detection and mitigation of the COVID-19 pandemic in the U.S. and globally, to monitoring and investigating the measles, mpox and other disease outbreaks in the U.S. and internationally, to pandemic flu preparedness, CDC 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, direction 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. As the pandemic 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 plays a leading role in combating the opioid, tobacco, e-cigarette and obesity epidemics as well as emergency preparedness. CDC funds programs for strengthening public health infrastructure at all levels; strengthening and expanding the public health workforce; injury prevention; research into gun violence prevention; suicide prevention; 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 climate adaptation strategies; oral health; reducing health disparities; preventing maternal and infant mortality and birth defects; sickle cell disease data collection; preventing antimicrobial resistance; preventing prescription drug overdose; 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. It is notable that nearly 80% of CDC's base budget supports public health and prevention activities through state, tribal, local and territorial health organizations and agencies, national public health partners and academic institutions.

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 and decreasing health disparities and improving health equity. Despite the progress CDC has made to meet these needs, the agency's programs remain woefully underfunded. **We urge you to include at least \$11.581 billion for CDC's programs in the FY 2025 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies appropriations bill.**

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

Sincerely,

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Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
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AIDS Alabama
Alabama Public Health Association
Allergy & Asthma Network
Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments
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 Osteopathic Medicine
American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine
American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges
American Association on Health and Disability
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American College of Clinical Pharmacy
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American College of Physicians
American College of Preventive Medicine
American Dental Education Association
American Heart Association
American Lung Association
American Physical Therapy Association
American Public Health Association
American School Health Association
American Society for Clinical Pathology
American Society for Microbiology
American Society of Hematology
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
American Statistical Association
Arizona Public Health Association
Arthritis Foundation
Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum
Association for Diagnostics & Laboratory Medicine
Association for Prevention Teaching and Research
Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology
Association of American Medical Colleges
Association of Clinicians for the Underserved (ACU)
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs
Association of Population Centers
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
Children's Environmental Health Network
Children's Hospital Association
Choose Healthy Life
Colorado Public Health Association
Colorado Public Health Association
Cooley's Anemia Foundation
Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Delaware Academy of Medicine/Delaware Public Health Association
Delta Mosquito and Vector Control District
Dystonia Advocacy Network
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation

Endocrine Society
Entomological Society of America
Epilepsy Foundation
Faces and Voices of Recovery
Florida Public Health Association
GBS|CIDP Foundation International
Georgia AIDS Coalition
Georgia Mosquito Control Association
Global Health Council
Global Health Technologies Coalition
Good Days
Green & Healthy Homes Initiative
Hawaii Public Health Association
Health Resources in Action
Healthy Teen Network
Hep B United
Hepatitis B Foundation
Hereditary Angioedema Association
HIV + Hepatitis Policy Institute
HIV Medicine Association
Hope Charities
Illinois Public Health Association
Indiana Public Health Association
Infectious Diseases Society of America
International WELL Building Institute
Interstitial Cystitis Association
Iowa Public Health Association
Johns Hopkins University & Medicine
Kansas Public Health Association
Lakeshore Foundation
Lee County Mosquito Control District
Maine Public Health Association
Maryland Public Health Association
Massachusetts Public Health Association
Medical Students for a Sustainable Future (MS4SF)
METAvivor
Michigan Mosquito Control Association
Michigan Public Health Association
Minnesota Public Health Association
Missouri Public Health Association
Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California
Naphsis
NASTAD
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research
National Association of County and City Health Officials
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials
National Athletic Trainers' Association
National Behavioral Health Association of Providers

National Coalition of STD Directors
National Eczema Association
National Environmental Health Association
National League for Nursing
National Network of Public Health Institutes
National Pancreas Foundation
National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA)
National Rural Health Association
National Safety Council
National Tuberculosis Coalition of America, Inc.
NC Public Health Association
Nevada Public Health Association
New Hampshire Public Health Association
New Jersey Mosquito Control Association
New Jersey Public Health Association
New Jersey State Mosquito Control Commission
New York State Public Health Association
NEWVEC -- New England Center of Excellence in Vector-borne Disease
Northeast Regional Center for Excellence in Vector-Borne Diseases
Ohio Public Health Association
Pacific Southwest Center of Excellence in Vector-Borne Diseases
Pennsylvania Public Health Association
Platelet Disorder Support Association
Population Association of America
Prevent Blindness
Prevention Institute
Project Sleep
Public Health Accreditation Board
Public Health Association of Nebraska
Public Health Institute
Pulmonary Hypertension Association
Research!America
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation
Rockies and High Plains Vector Borne Diseases Training and Evaluation Center (RaHP VEC)
Safe States Alliance
SHAPE America - Society of Health and Physical Educators
Sleep Research Society
Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine
Society for Public Health Education
Society for Vector Ecology
Society for Women's Health Research
South Carolina Public Health Association
South Dakota Public Health Association (SDPHA)
Southeastern Center of Excellence in Vector-Borne Diseases
Spina Bifida Association
Susan G. Komen
Tennessee Public Health Association
The AIDS Institute

The Alzheimer's Association and Alzheimer's Impact Movement
The Coalition of Skin Diseases
The District of Columbia Public Health Association
The Task Force for Global Health
Tourette Association of America
Trust for America's Health
Utah Public Health Association
Vaccinate Your Family
Vermont Public Health Association
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Washington State Public Health Association
Wisconsin Public Health Association
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cc: Members of the House and Senate Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and
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