



March 13, 2026

Dear Senator/Representative:

I write to you with the American Lung Association's appropriations requests for fiscal year 2027 (FY27). The American Lung Association is the leading organization working to save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease through education, advocacy and research. Millions of people nationwide – including people with chronic diseases like asthma, COPD and lung cancer – rely on federal funding for research, chronic disease prevention and education to safeguard their health and well-being.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the National Institutes for Health (NIH) are key public health agencies that improve the lives of all people in the U.S., especially those at risk of or living with lung disease. Investments in these agencies help prevent costly hospitalizations, reduce emergency room visits and promote healthier communities – ultimately saving lives, family budgets and taxpayer dollars. These investments must be protected and strengthened so that these agencies can continue their work to prevent disease, advance research and protect public health.

Continued youth tobacco use, worsening environmental hazards and the increasing prevalence of chronic lung diseases underscore the urgent demand for federal investment in lung health. We are grateful for the important steps Congress took in the FY26 process to protect critical public health and biomedical research funding and to reinforce Congress' constitutional authority over federal spending. At a time when funding impoundments, agency restructuring efforts and reductions in force have disrupted key programs and created uncertainty for the communities that rely on them, these guardrails are essential to providing stability. As Congress considers FY27 funding, sustaining and strengthening these investments and guardrails will ensure that federal public health and research agencies can continue to operate effectively and deliver results for communities nationwide.

The American Lung Association takes seriously our responsibility as the trusted champions for lung health to advocate for the resources necessary to protect people's lungs, prevent future healthcare costs and keep people healthy. We continue to advocate for sustained, robust and predictable funding for key public health agencies in FY27 – specifically \$11.6 billion for CDC, \$12 billion for EPA and \$51.3 billion for NIH. We in turn ask for your leadership in prioritizing the health and well-being of your constituents by sustaining and increasing funding for these critical lung health programs.

Additionally, we ask for your leadership in opposing adding policy riders to appropriations bills. Policy riders can undermine public health efforts, jeopardizing the health and safety of your constituents. The Lung Association opposes all riders, especially policy provisions that would weaken key lung health protections provided by the Clean Air Act and the Tobacco Control Act.

The American Lung Association thanks Congress for previous support for key lung health programs. Please contact Liz Scott (Liz.Scott@Lung.org or 202-481-7668) for questions about our Interior-Environment bill requests or Ranjana Caple (Ranjana.Caple@Lung.org or 202-481-7647) for questions about any of the other requests.

Thank you for your consideration of our recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harold Wimmer".

Harold P. Wimmer
President and CEO

American Lung Association FY27 Appropriations Priorities

Appropriations Bill	Agencies/Programs	FY27 Funding Request
Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Topline	\$11.6 billion
	CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP)	\$3.75 billion
	CDC's Chronic Disease Education and Awareness Program (CDEA)	\$6.5 million
	CDC's Office on Smoking and Health (OSH)	\$310 million
	CDC's National Center for Environmental Health	\$420.85 million
	CDC's National Asthma Control Program (NACP)	\$40 million
	CDC's National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD)	\$1.26 billion
	CDC's National Immunization Program	\$782 million
	National Institutes of Health (NIH) Topline	\$51.3 billion
Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Topline	\$12 billion
	Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry	\$100 million
	EPA's Clean Air Program	\$915.5 million
	EPA's State and Local Air Quality Management Grants	\$500 million
	EPA's Tribal Air Quality Management Grants	\$85.25 million
	EPA's Diesel Emissions Reduction Grant Program	\$150 million
	EPA's Radon Program	\$5 million
	EPA's State Indoor Radon Grants	\$18 million
	EPA's Office of Air and Radiation Indoor Environments Division	\$100 million
	EPA's Compliance Monitoring	\$162.1 million
	EPA's Enforcement	\$485 million
	EPA's Environmental Justice	\$369.1 million
	Wildfire Smoke Preparedness	\$15 million
	Agriculture, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies	Authorized User Fees for the Center for Tobacco Products
Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies	DOE's Vehicle Technologies Office	\$501.7 million
Transportation-Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies	HUD's Office of Lead Hazard and Healthy Homes	\$606 million
	HUD's Healthy Homes Initiative	\$100 million
Defense	Lung Cancer Research in the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs	\$60 million