

April 19, 2020

The Honorable Patty Murray
Chair
Labor-HHS-Education
Appropriations Subcommittee
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate

The Honorable Roy Blunt
Ranking Member
Labor-HHS-Education
Appropriations Subcommittee
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U.S. Senate

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
Labor-HHS-Education
Appropriations Subcommittee
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Tom Cole
Ranking Member
Labor-HHS-Education
Appropriations Subcommittee
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Dear Chairwomen Murray and DeLauro, and Ranking Members Blunt and Cole:

Thank you for your leadership on public health issues, particularly for establishing the new Chronic Disease Education and Awareness Program at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) through the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 appropriations process and funding the program with an initial investment of \$1.5 million. As you and your colleagues work develop the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Bill, the undersigned organizations write to request a funding level of \$5 million for the CDC's Chronic Disease Education and Awareness Program to facilitate sustained growth and to initiate additional public health programs in key areas.

As demonstrated by the many organizations supporting this program and competitively seeking collaborative opportunities with CDC through the Chronic Disease Education and Awareness program, there is significant interest and will likely be a surplus of meritorious proposals. We understand from initial guidance that CDC intends to issue several multi-year cooperative agreements for FY 2021, which is a good use of resources when pursuing meaningful public awareness, professional education, and public health activities. It is our hope that additional funding will enable CDC to support more proposals in subsequent years. In the interest of growing the program, supporting timely public health efforts, and ensuring the viability and effectiveness of emerging opportunities, please provide this new program with \$5 million for FY 2022.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We are pleased to provide additional information or respond to questions.

Sincerely,
American Academy of Sleep Medicine
American Liver Foundation
American Lung Association
American Thoracic Society
Circadian Sleep Disorders - Network

Digestive Disease National Coalition
Dorney-Koppel Foundation
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation
Dystonia Advocacy Network
GBS|CIDP Foundation International
Good Days
Hope Charities
Hypersomnia Foundation
International Foundation for GI Disorders
KLS Foundation
Lymphatic Education & Research Network
Narcolepsy Network
National Alopecia Areata Foundation
National Eczema Association
National Pancreas Foundation
National Psoriasis Foundation
NephCure Kidney International
Project Sleep
Pulmonary Hypertension Association
Patient Services, Inc.
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation
Scleroderma Foundation
Society for Research on Biological Rhythms
Sleep Research Society
Start School Later
The Marfan Foundation
US COPD Coalition
US Hereditary Angioedema Association
Wake Up Narcolepsy