

CDC Coalition

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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
House Appropriations Subcommittee
on Labor, Health and Human Services,
Education, and Related Agencies
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Subcommittee
on Labor, Health and Human Services,
Education, and Related Agencies
Washington, DC 20515

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

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

Dear Chair DeLauro, Chair Murray, Ranking Member Cole and Ranking Member Blunt:

The undersigned 178 members of the CDC Coalition and other supporting state and national organizations urge you to include at least **\$11 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's programs in the FY 2023 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies appropriations bill**. Strong funding for CDC is critical to supporting all of CDC's activities and programs, which are essential to protect the health of our communities. Due to years of underfunding, many CDC programs have not received the resources that are needed to address the many health challenges we face as a nation, resulting in many of CDC's most effective prevention programs not reaching all states.

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, 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 leading role in aiding in the surveillance, detection and mitigation of the COVID-19 pandemic in the U.S. and globally, to monitoring and investigating 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.

While CDC is playing a leading role in protecting the public's health from COVID-19, it is faced with many other unprecedented challenges and responsibilities ranging from chronic disease prevention to combating the opioid, tobacco, e-cigarette and obesity epidemics to emergency preparedness. CDC funds programs for strengthening public health infrastructure at all levels; 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 and hepatitis prevention; prevention of vector-borne diseases; environmental health, including the prevention of childhood lead poisoning and addressing the health impacts of climate change; oral health; reducing health disparities; preventing 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 more than 70% of CDC's budget supports public health and prevention activities through state and local 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 improving health. 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 billion for CDC's programs in the FY 2023 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,

Accessia Health
African American Health Alliance
AIDS Alabama
Allergy & Asthma Network
Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments
American Academy of Family Physicians
American Academy of Orthotists & Prosthetists
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Association for Clinical Chemistry
American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine
American Association on Health and Disability
American College of Clinical Pharmacy
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American College of Physicians
American Heart Association
American Liver Foundation
American Lung Association

American Mosquito Control Association
American Physical Therapy Association
American Public Health Association
American School Health Association
American Society for Clinical Pathology
American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy
American Society for Microbiology
American Society for Reproductive Medicine
American Society of Hematology
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
American Thoracic Society
Arthritis Foundation
Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum
Association for Clinical and Translational Science
Association for Prevention Teaching and Research
Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology
Association for Psychological Science
Association for the Advancement of Blood and Biotherapies
Association of American Medical Colleges
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs
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
Association of State Public Health Nutritionists
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America
Big Cities Health Coalition
CAEAR Coalition
Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids
CARES of Southwest Michigan
CenterLink: The Community of LGBT Centers
Children's Cardiomyopathy Foundation
Children's Environmental Health Network
Climate for Health
Climate Psychiatry Alliance
Clinical Research Forum
Coalition for Clinical and Translational Science
Colorado Public Health Association
Common Threads
Cooley's Anemia Foundation
Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists
Covering Kids & Families of Indiana
CURE Epilepsy
Delaware Academy of Medicine / Delaware Public Health Association
Digestive Disease National Coalition
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation
Endocrine Society
Entomological Society of America
Epilepsy Alliance America

Epilepsy Foundation
Fight Colorectal Cancer
Florida Public Health Institute
GBS-CIDP Foundation International
Georgia AIDS Coalition
GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer
Green & Healthy Homes Initiative
Hawaii Public Health Association
Health by Design
Health Care Without Harm
Healthy Teen Network
Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association
Hep B United
Hepatitis B Foundation
HIV AIDS Alliance of Michigan
HIV Dental Alliance
HIV Medicine Association
HIV+Hepatitis Policy Institute
Hope Charities
Illinois Public Health Association
Illinois Society for the Prevention of Blindness
Immunization Coalition of Delaware
Indiana Public Health Association
Infectious Diseases Society of America
International Foundation for CDKL5 Research
Interstitial Cystitis Association
Iowa Public Health Association
Lakeshore Foundation
Louisiana Public Health Association
Lymphatic Education & Research Network
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Maryland Public Health Association
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Michigan Public Health Association
Minnesota Public Health Association
Mississippi Public Health Association
Missouri Public Health Association
Montana Public Health Association
Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California
NASTAD
National Alopecia Areata Foundation
National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems
National Association of Chronic Disease Directors
National Association of County and City Health Officials
National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials
National Association of Vector-Borne Disease Control Officials
National Center for Healthy Housing

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 Safety Council
National Scleroderma Foundation
NC Public Health Association
NephCure Kidney International
Nevada Public Health Association
New Jersey Public Health Association
New Mexico Public Health Association
New York State Public Health Association
North Dakota Public Health Association
Northeast Regional Center for Excellence in Vector-Borne Diseases
Ohio Public Health Association
Oklahoma Public Health Association
Oregon Public Health Association
Pennsylvania Public Health Association
Prevent Blindness
Prevent Blindness Georgia
Prevent Blindness North Carolina
Prevention Institute
Project Sleep
Public Health Association of Nebraska
Public Health Institute
Pulmonary Hypertension Association
Research!America
Resolve to Save Lives
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation
Rhode Island Public Health Association
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 Women's Health Research
South Carolina Public Health Association
South Dakota Public Health Agency (SDPHA)
Southern California Public Health Association
Spina Bifida Association
Tennessee Public Health Association
The AIDS Institute
The American College of Preventive Medicine
The Brain Recovery Project
The Gerontological Society of America
The Los Angeles Trust for Children's Health

The Moore Center for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse
The Task Force for Global Health
Tourette Association of America
Treatment Action Group
Trust for America's Health
U.S. Hereditary Angioedema Association
Utah Public Health Association
Vaccinate Your Family
Vermont Public Health Association
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Washington State Public Health Association
Wisconsin Public Health Association