

May 17, 2017

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Senate Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Senate Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader McConnell and Minority Leader Schumer:

On behalf of the more than 520 undersigned organizations, we are writing to warn of the dire consequences of repealing the Prevention and Public Health Fund (the Prevention Fund), which is repealed by the American Health Care Act (H.R. 1628) at the end of FY 2018. 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 substantial cuts for other critical programs funded in the bill. As the Senate begins work on its version of health reform, we urge you to leave the Prevention and Public Health Fund in place.

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 LHHHS 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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Ability360  
Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy  
Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics  
Action for Healthy Kids (AFHK)  
Active Living By Design  
Active Transportation Alliance  
Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research  
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 College of Occupational  
and Environmental 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  
 The Arc  
 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  
 B'more Mobile  
 Barnes ON THE MOVE Partnership  
 Behavioral Health Leadership Institute  
 Benzie Leelanau District Health Department  
 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 State Association of Counties  
 California WIC Association  
 Cambridge Health Alliance  
 Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids  
 Camptonville Community Partnership  
 Canary Health  
 Cancer Council of the Pacific Islands  
 Cancer Prevention and Treatment Fund  
 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  
of Washington 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.  
The Consortium  
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  
Essential Access 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 Immunization Coalition  
Idaho Public Health Association  
Idaho Walk Bike Alliance  
Illinois Public Health Institute  
Immunize Nevada  
Impetus – Let’s Get Started, LLC  
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  
 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  
 Medicines360  
 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 Association of State Alcohol and  
 Drug Abuse Directors  
 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 Environmental Health Association  
 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  
NJSOPHE  
NJ YMCA State Alliance  
North American Quitline Consortium  
North Carolina Alliance for Health  
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  
 Self-Management Resource Center  
 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  
 The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology  
 of America  
 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  
 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 Village, 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  
 Winnesheik 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  
Zero Breast Cancer