

June 26, 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 580 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to warn of the dire consequences of repealing the Prevention and Public Health Fund (the Prevention Fund), which is repealed by the Better Care Reconciliation Act (H.R. 1628) at the start of FY 2018.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 continues 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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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
Alabaster
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 Occupational and
Environmental Medicine
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 Federation of Teachers
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
 Black Women's Health Imperative
 Boston Alliance for Community Health
 Boston Public Health Commission
 Boston Senior Home Care
 Boston University School of Public Health
 Boulder County (CO) Public Health
 Boys and Girls Clubs of America
 The Bronx Health Link
 Bronx Health REACH
 California Food Policy Advocates
 California Pan-Ethnic Health Network
 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
 The Cave Institute

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
 Center for Popular Democracy
 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
 Chautauqua County Department of Health and Human Services
 Chicago Commons
 Childhood Obesity Prevention Coalition of Washington State
 Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)
 Children's Action Alliance
 Children's Environmental Health Network
 Children's Health Fund
 Children's Mental Health Network
 City-County Health District
 Clinica Sierra Vista
 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
 Columbia County (NY) Health Department
 Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service, Inc. (COA)
 CommonHealth ACTION
 Community Access National Network (CANN)
 Community Catalyst
 Community Clinic Consortium
 Community Health Councils
 Community Health Initiative Napa County (CA)
 Community Health Improvement Partners
 Connecticut Directors of Health Association
 Connecticut Public Health Association
 Conrad House, Inc.
 The Consortium
 Contact Wellness Foundation
 Cook County (IL) Department of Public Health
 Cooley's Anemia Foundation
 COPD Foundation
 Council for Diabetes Prevention
 Council of Mexican Federations in North America
 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
East Bay Agency for Children
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
Eradicating the School-to-Prison Pipeline
Foundation, Inc.
Essential Access Health
Essex County (NY) Health Department
ETA Sigma Gamma
Evidence-Based Leadership Council
Fairhill Partners
Family Services Agency of
Santa Barbara (CA) County
The Family Van: Harvard Medical School
Fathers & Families of San Joaquin
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
Gay and Lesbian Medical Association
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 (IA)
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
Human Rights Campaign
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
Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan
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
KL Startups
Kossuth County Public Health
La Alianza Hispana
Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center
Lakeshore Foundation
Latino Coalition for a Healthy California
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
LISC New York City
LiveWell Longmont
LiveWell Luzerne
Liver Health Initiative
Local Public Health Association of Minnesota

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
The Los Angeles Trust for Children's Health
Louisiana Public Health Association
Louisiana Public Health Institute
Lung Cancer Alliance
Madera Coalition for Community Justice
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
Multicultural Family Center

My Brother's Keeper, Inc.
 NAATPN, Inc.
 NAPHSIS: National Association for
 Public Health Statistics and Information Systems
 Nashville CARES
 National AHEC Organization
 National Alliance on Mental Illness
 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 Perinatal Social Workers
 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 Black Justice Coalition
 National Blood Clot Alliance
 National Center for Disaster Preparedness
 National Center for Health Care
 National Center for Transgender Equality
 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
 National Consumers League
 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 Health Care for the Homeless Council
 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 Physician's Alliance
 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
 National Women's Health Netowrk
 Native Health
 NC SOPHE Advocacy Committee
 Nebraska Association of Local
 Health Directors
 Nemours Children's Health System
 NephCure Kidney International
 NETWORK Lobby for Catholic
 Social Justice
 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
 NMAC
 North American Quitline Consortium
 North Carolina Alliance for Health
 North Carolina Citizens for Public Health
 North Dakota Public Health Association
 Northern Illinois Public Health Consortium

Nurse of South Carolina
Nursing Students for Sexual and
Reproductive Health
OASIS Institute
Ohio Public Health Association
Oklahoma Public Health Association
Olympic Area Agency on Aging
ON THE MOVE, a Community Public
Health Partnership
Ontario County (NY) Public Health
Oregon Public Health Association
Oregon State University
Origins FTD, Inc.
Out2Enroll
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
Polk County (WI) Health Department
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
Raising Women's Voices for the
Health Care We Need
Redstone Global Center for
Prevention and Wellness
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
San Francisco AIDS Foundation
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)
 Society of Behavioral Medicine
 The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology
 of America
 Society of State Leaders of Health
 and Physical Education
 South Alabama Regional Planning
 Commission
 South Carolina Tobacco-Free Collaborative
 Southeast Ohio Breastfeeding Coalition
 Southern AIDS 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
 Street Level Health Project
 Stewart Memorial Community Hospital
 Susan G. Komen
 Tacoma-Pierce County (WA)
 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
 Union for Reform Judaism
 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
 Village Connect
 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
 Worksite Wellness LA
 YCat Yoga Therapy & Jnani Chapman's
 Integrative Medicine Service
 Yolo County (CA) Children's Alliance
 Youngstown State University
 YOUR Center
 Zero Breast Cancer