

# CDC Coalition

December 4, 2017

The Honorable Thad Cochran  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
Vice Chairman  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20510

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

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

Dear Chairmen Cochran and Blunt and Vice Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Murray:

The undersigned 153 members of the CDC Coalition and other supporting state and national organizations urge you to provide at least \$7.8 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's programs as you work to develop a final FY 2018 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations bill or other final FY 2018 funding legislation. We urge you to restore any cuts to important CDC programs and maintain at least the highest level of funding for CDC programs that were included in the bills passed by House and Senate Appropriations Committees earlier this year and to reject the inclusion of any controversial policy riders that would threaten public health. We believe that Congress should prioritize funding for all of the activities and programs supported by CDC. CDC programs are essential to protect the health of the American people. Furthermore, we are deeply concerned about ongoing efforts to repeal, cut or divert funding from the Prevention and Public Health Fund, authorized by the Affordable Care Act, and the impact the loss of this funding would have on CDC's annual budget. The Prevention and Public Health Fund currently accounts for 12 percent of CDC's budget and Congress must ensure that CDC's budget remains whole in the face of any effort to repeal or weaken the ACA and the prevention fund.

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 assure an adequate translation of new research into effective state and local programs. Coalition member groups represent millions of public health workers, researchers, clinicians, educators and citizens served by CDC programs.

CDC serves as the command center for the nation's public health defense system against emerging and reemerging infectious diseases. From aiding in the surveillance, detection and prevention of the Zika virus to playing a lead role in the control of Ebola in West Africa and detecting and responding to cases in the U.S., to monitoring and investigating disease outbreaks to pandemic flu preparedness, CDC is the nation's – and the world's – expert resource and response center, coordinating communications and action and serving as the laboratory reference center.

States, communities and the international community rely on CDC for accurate information and direction in a crisis or outbreak.

CDC is faced with unprecedented challenges and responsibilities ranging from emergency preparedness, chronic disease prevention, to combating the tobacco and obesity epidemics. CDC funds programs for injury control and violence prevention; global health security; health promotion in schools and workplaces; the prevention of diabetes, heart disease, stroke, cancer, lung disease and other chronic diseases; nutrition and physical activity; immunization; environmental health, including the prevention of childhood lead poisoning; oral health; reducing health disparities; preventing infant mortality and birth defects; preventing antimicrobial resistance; preventing prescription drug overdose and public health research and health statistics. It is notable that more than 70 percent of CDC's budget supports public health and prevention activities by 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 Americans 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 have been woefully underfunded to confront the myriad public health issues facing the nation. We urge you to support a funding level of at least \$7.8 billion for CDC programs in FY 2018.

Please contact Don Hoppert at [donald.hoppert@apha.org](mailto:donald.hoppert@apha.org) or 202-777-2514 with any questions regarding our request.

Sincerely,

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Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics  
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 Osteopathic Medicine  
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy  
American Association on Health and Disability  
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network  
American College of Preventive Medicine  
American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
American Diabetes Association  
American Foundation for the Blind  
American Heart Association  
American Lung Association  
American Psychological Association  
American Public Health Association  
American Society for Clinical Pathology  
American Society for Microbiology  
American Society for Nutrition  
American Society of Hematology  
American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene  
American Statistical Association

American Thoracic Society  
Arizona Public Health Association  
Arthritis Foundation  
Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum  
Association for Prevention Teaching and Research  
Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology  
Association of Accredited Public Health Programs  
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs  
Association of Population Centers  
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health  
Association of State and Territorial Health Officials  
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America  
Autism Family Services of New Jersey  
Avery's Angels Gastroschisis Foundation  
Big Cities Health Coalition  
California Public Health Association-North  
Center for Science in the Public Interest  
Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder  
Children's Environmental Health Network  
Coalition for Health Funding  
Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service, Inc. (COA)  
Connecticut Public Health Association  
Cooley's Anemia Foundation  
Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists  
Delaware Academy of Medicine - Delaware Public Health Association  
Digestive Disease National Coalition  
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation  
Eat Smart Move More South Carolina  
Epilepsy Foundation  
Epilepsy Foundation of New Jersey  
Every Child By Two  
Family Voices  
Florida Public Health Association  
Friends of National Center for Health Statistics  
Friends of NCBDDD  
Futures Without Violence  
GBS|CIDP Foundation International  
Georgia Public Health Association  
Global Health Technologies Coalition  
Green & Healthy Homes Initiative  
Hawaii Public Health Association  
HealthHIV  
Healthy Teen Network  
Hepatitis B Foundation  
HIV Medicine Association  
Idaho Public Health Organization  
Illinois Public Health Association  
Immunization Coalition of Delaware  
Immunize Nevada

Infectious Diseases Society of America  
International Foundation for Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders  
Interstitial Cystitis Association  
Iowa Public Health Association  
Jeffrey Modell Foundation  
Kansas Public Health Association  
Lakeshore Foundation  
Lung Cancer Alliance  
Maine Public Health Association  
March of Dimes  
Maryland Public Health Association  
Michigan Public Health Association  
Minnesota Public Health Association  
Missouri Public Health Association  
Montana Public Health Association  
NAME, National Association of Medical Examiners  
NAPHSIS  
NASTAD  
National Alopecia Areata Foundation  
National Association of Chronic Disease Directors  
National Association of County and City Health Officials  
National Birth Defects Prevention Network  
National Black Nurses Association  
National Blood Clot Alliance  
National Coalition for LGBT Health  
National Coalition of STD Directors  
National Environmental Health Association  
National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association  
National Fragile X Foundation  
National Network of Public Health Institutes  
National Recreation and Park Association  
National Safety Council  
NC Public Health Association  
NephCure Kidney International  
Nevada Public Health Institute  
New Hampshire Public Health Association  
New Jersey Public Health Association  
New Mexico Public Health Association  
North Carolina Public Health Association  
North Dakota Public Health Association  
Ohio Public Health Association  
Oklahoma Public Health Association  
Origins FTD, Inc.  
Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy (PPMD)  
Population Association of America  
Prevent Blindness  
Prevention Institute  
Public Health Foundation  
Public Health Institute

Puerto Rico Public Health Association  
Pulmonary Hypertension Association  
Research!America  
Sabin Vaccine Institute  
Safe States Alliance  
Scleroderma Foundation  
Sexuality Information and Education Council of the U.S. (SIECUS)  
Sleep Research Society  
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine  
Society for Public Health Education  
South Carolina Public Health Association  
South Dakota Public Health Association  
Southern California Public Health Association (SCPHA)  
Spina Bifida Association  
Tennessee Public Health Association  
Texas Public Health Association  
The AIDS Institute  
The Family Resource Network (NJ)  
The Marfan Foundation  
The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research  
The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy  
The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America  
Tourette Association of America  
Trust for America's Health  
U.S. Breastfeeding Committee  
U.S. Hereditary Angioedema Association  
Utah Public Health Association  
Washington State Public Health Association  
Wayne State University Center for Health and Community Impact  
Wisconsin Public Health Association  
YMCA of the USA

Cc: The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Senate Appropriations Committee