

## CDC Coalition

April 9, 2018

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

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

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

Dear Chairmen Blunt and Cole and Ranking Members Murray and DeLauro:

The undersigned 153 members of the CDC Coalition and other supporting state and national organizations urge you to provide **\$8.445 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's programs in the FY 2019 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations bill**. We believe that Congress should prioritize funding for all of the activities and programs supported by CDC which are essential to protect the health of the American people. We are grateful for the important increases provided for CDC programs in the FY 2018 omnibus bill and urge Congress to continue efforts to build upon these investments to strengthen all of CDC's programs. We also continue to oppose any effort to repeal or cut the Prevention and Public Health Fund which currently makes up approximately 10 percent of CDC's budget. Congress must ensure that the agency's budget remains whole in the face of these misguided efforts that threaten funding for many CDC programs.

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 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 combating the opioid, tobacco and obesity epidemics to emergency preparedness and chronic disease prevention. 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, improving the health and quality of life of individuals with disabilities, vision and eye health 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. **We urge you to support a funding level of \$8.445 billion for CDC's programs in FY 2019.**

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  
AcademyHealth  
American Academy of Family Physicians  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Association for Dental Research  
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 Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
American College of Physicians  
American College of Preventive Medicine  
American Diabetes Association  
American Foundation for the Blind  
American Heart Association  
American Liver Foundation  
American Lung Association  
American Optometric Association  
American Podiatric Medical Association, Inc.  
American Psychological Association  
American Public Health Association  
American Sexual 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 Thoracic Society  
Arizona Public Health Association  
Arthritis Foundation  
Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum  
Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs  
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools  
Association of Public Health Laboratories  
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health  
Association of State and Territorial Health Officials  
Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD)  
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America  
Avery's Angels Gastroschisis Foundation  
Big Cities Health Coalition  
California Consortium of Addiction Programs & Professionals  
California Public Health Association-North  
Child Neurology Foundation  
Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder  
Children's Environmental Health Network  
Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin  
Coalition for Health Funding  
Colorado Public Health Association  
Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service, Inc. (COA)  
Connecticut Public Health Association  
Consortium of Social Science Associations  
Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists  
Delaware Academy of Medicine / Delaware Public Health Association  
Digestive Disease National Coalition  
Dystonia Advocacy Network  
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation  
Entomological Society of America  
Every Child By Two  
Family Voices  
Florida Public Health Association  
Friends of NCBDDD  
Friends of the National Center for Health Statistics  
Futures Without Violence  
GBS|CIDP Foundation International  
Georgia Public Health Association  
Grand Valley State University  
Green & Healthy Homes Initiative  
Hawaii Public Health Association  
Healthcare Ready

HealthHIV  
Healthy Teen Network  
Hepatitis B Foundation  
HIV Medicine Association  
Idaho Public Health Association  
Illinois Association of Behavioral Health  
Illinois Public Health Association  
Indiana Public Health Association  
Infectious Diseases Society of America  
International Foundation for Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders  
Interstitial Cystitis Association  
Iowa Public Health Association  
Kansas Public Health Association  
Kentucky Public Health Association  
Lakeshore Foundation  
Louisiana Public Health Association  
Lung Cancer Alliance  
Lymphatic Education & Research Network  
Maine Public Health Association  
March of Dimes  
Maryland Public Health Association  
Mended Little Hearts  
Minnesota Public Health Association  
Missouri Public Health Association  
Montana Public Health Association  
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National Alopecia Areata Foundation  
National Association of Chronic Disease Directors  
National Association of County and City Health Officials  
National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials  
National Black Nurses Association  
National Blood Clot Alliance  
National CMV Foundation, Inc.  
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 Recreation and Park Association  
National Safety Council  
NephCure Kidney International  
Nevada Public Health Association  
New Hampshire Public Health Association  
New Mexico Public Health Association  
North Dakota Public Health Association  
Ohio Public Health Association  
Oklahoma Public Health Association  
Oregon Public Health Association

Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy (PPMD)  
Pediatric Congenital Heart Association  
Pennsylvania Public Health Association  
Prevent Blindness  
Prevention Institute  
Public Health Association of Nebraska  
Pulmonary Hypertension Association  
Research!America  
Safe States Alliance  
Scleroderma Foundation  
Sleep Research Society  
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine  
South Dakota Public Health Association  
Spina Bifida Association  
Suicide Awareness Voices of Education  
Tennessee Public Health Association  
Texas Public Health Association  
The AIDS Institute  
The Arc of the United States  
The Marfan Foundation  
The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America  
Tourette Association of America  
Trust for America's Health  
Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance  
Utah Public Health Association  
Vermont Public Health Association  
Washington State Public Health Association  
West Virginia Public Health Association  
Wisconsin Public Health Association  
WomenHeart: The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease  
Wyoming Public Health Association

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