

Congresswoman Nikema Williams Introduces Resolution Marking 75 Years of CDC's Lifesaving Work



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WASHINGTON – Today, **Congresswoman Nikema Williams (GA-05)** introduced a bipartisan resolution marking 75 years of lifesaving work from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). **Senator Jon Ossoff (D-GA)** introduced companion legislation in the Senate. The CDC was founded in Atlanta as the Communicable Disease Center in order to prevent the spread of malaria. Since then, the CDC has helped establish Georgia's Fifth District as a world leader in scientific research.

"Since the founding of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the CDC's work has saved countless lives around the country and world," said **Congresswoman Williams**. "Never has that work been more important than now, during the time of COVID-19. The American people have looked to the CDC for public health guidance during the pandemic and the CDC has served us exceptionally. I am proud to represent the CDC in Congress and ensure the CDC can continue its vital work."

In April, Congresswoman Williams [led a bipartisan House effort to secure \\$10 billion in funding for the CDC](#) for the upcoming fiscal year. This request, joined by 76 members of Congress, advocated for \$2.7 billion more in annual funding for CDC than was enacted for Fiscal Year 2021. In July, the House not only achieved this monumental increase in its appropriations legislation but exceeded it, passing a total CDC funding level of \$10.6 billion.

Joining Congresswoman Williams in leading both the funding request and the resolution is **Congressman Mike Levin (CA-49)**.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has sharply underscored the critical importance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention," said **Congressman Levin**. "The work of the dedicated CDC staff has saved countless lives in the last year and half alone, and their work to promote public health globally is necessary and admirable. From fighting malaria, to combating polio, to the ongoing work it is doing to fight COVID-19, CDC develops crucial, evidence-based recommendations that save lives. I'm proud to honor CDC's work on the occasion of their 75th anniversary, and I'm delighted we were able to secure \$10.6 billion for CDC in House-passed Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations legislation."

Additional original cosponsors of the legislation include **Reps. Lucy McBath (GA-06), Jennifer Gonzalez Colon (PR-AL), Sanford Bishop (GA-02), Carolyn Bourdeaux (GA-07), and David Scott (GA-13)** in the House, and **Senator Reverend Raphael Warnock (D-GA)** in the Senate.

The resolution is **also supported by** the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, American Association on Health and Disability, American Heart Association, American Lung Association, American Mosquito Control Association, American Physical Therapy Association, American Public Health Association, American Society for Clinical Pathology, American Society for Microbiology, American Society for Reproductive Medicine, American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene, APIC – Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology, Association of Black Cardiologists, Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs, Association of Public Health Laboratories, Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, Big Cities Health Coalition, Coalition for Health Funding, Coalition of National Health Education Organizations, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Delta Mosquito & Vector Control District, Emory University, Endocrine Society, Entomological Society of America, Epilepsy Foundation, Eta Sigma Gamma, Georgians for a Healthy Future, Green & Healthy Homes Initiative, Hepatitis B Foundation, HIV Medicine Association, Infectious Diseases Society of America, Lakeshore Foundation, Midwest Center of Excellence for Vector-Borne Disease, Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California, NASTAD, National Association of Chronic Disease Directors, National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), National Environmental Health Association, National Health Council, National Safety Council, Northeast Regional Center for Excellence in Vector-Borne Diseases, Pacific Southwest Center of Excellence in Vector-Borne Diseases, Prevent Blindness, Prevent Blindness Georgia, Public Health Institute, Research! America, Safe States Alliance, SHAPE America – Society of Health and Physical Educators, Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE), Southeastern Regional Center of Excellence in Vector-Borne Diseases, Trust for America's Health, Western Gulf Center of Excellence for Vector-Borne Diseases, and YMCA of the USA.

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