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MATSUI AND BLUMENTHAL INTRODUCE BICAMERAL LEGISLATION TO RESTORE CRITICAL PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congresswoman Doris Matsui (D-CA) and Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) introduced the *Public Health Funding Restoration Act* which would restore funding for the Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF). PPHF provides dedicated funding for innovative public health projects, including vaccination programs, chronic disease prevention programs, and health education programs.

“From increases in chronic disease rates to infectious disease outbreaks like the COVID-19 pandemic, the modern public health ecosystem demands continual, robust investments,” **said Congresswoman Matsui.** “Originally meant to reach \$2 billion in 2015, the Prevention and Public Health Fund has been underfunded for years. In addition to supporting existing core public health activities like vaccination, restoring the Fund to its full amount is critical for developing and expanding innovative programs to better prepare for pandemics and other unique public health threats that arise. The *Public Health Funding Restoration Act* reaffirms the importance of prevention in the United States health care system. It is our promise to support our federal, state and local partners’ efforts to improve the health of all Americans.”

“This legislation ensures that vital public health programs receive the funding needed to provide affordable and quality care,” **said Senator Blumenthal.** “Without full funding, our public health system is limited in its ability to combat health threats and to develop innovative public health initiatives. Through the *Public Health Funding Restoration Act*, we make a critical investment in lifesaving public health programs and the health of our nation.”

The PPHF is currently funded at \$1.3 billion. The *Public Health Funding Restoration Act* would authorize and appropriate \$2 billion in Fiscal Year 2025 and each subsequent fiscal year to fully fund the PPHF. In doing so, the *Public Health Funding Restoration Act* reaffirms the importance of prevention and public health programs to the Department of Health and Human Services' and local state health departments' efforts and recognizes that cuts to the PPHF undermine both public health efforts to establish an affordable and accessible health care system.

The legislation is cosponsored in the U.S. House of Representatives by U.S. Representatives Raúl Grijalva (D-AZ), Nanette Barragán (D-CA), Paul Tonko (D-NY), Tony Cárdenas (D-CA), and Amodeo A. Kuster (D-NH). It is cosponsored in the U.S. Senate by U.S. Senators Tina Smith (D-MN), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Patty Murray (D-WA), and Amy Klobuchar (D-MN).

The legislation is supported by over 90 organizations, including Trust for America's Health (TFAH), American Public Health Association, AIDS Institute, American Heart Association, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, and Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids. The full list of endorsing organizations can be found [HERE](#).

“The Prevention and Public Health Fund is a vital investment in our nation's health in every state and territory. Restoring the Prevention Fund will advance critical efforts to reduce the burden of chronic disease and help to reduce long-term health costs,” said TFAH President and CEO Dr. J. Nadi Gracia.

The full text of the bill can be found [HERE](#).

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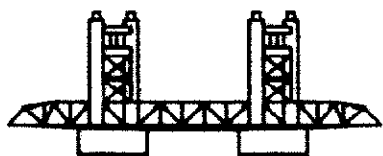
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Thank you so much for your support with this legislation!

Warmly,



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To fully fund the Prevention and Public Health Fund and reaffirm the importance of prevention in the United States healthcare system.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 14, 2024

Ms. MATSUI (for herself, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. TONKO, Mr. CÁRDENAS, and Ms. KUSTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Public Health Funding
5 Restoration Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The Prevention and Public Health Fund
9 (section 4002 of the Patient Protection and Afford-

American Association on Health and Disability
American College of Preventive Medicine
American Diabetes Association
Academy Health
American Heart Association
American Lung Association
American Public Health Association
American Society for Clinical Pathology
Association of Immunization Managers
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs
Association of Public Health Laboratories
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health
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Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
Bethany Community Ministries, Inc.
Big Cities Health Coalition
Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids
Center for Advocacy for the Rights and Interests of Elders (CARIE)
Center for Whole Health Learning in K-12
Coalition for Health Funding
CO Society for Public Health Education
Common Threads
Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists
Christian Council of Delmarva
Dorchester County Health Department
East Side Health District
Foundation for Healthy Generations
Frey Evaluation, LLC
Gerontological Society of America
GO2 for Lung Cancer
Health Promotion Consultants
Health & Medicine Policy Research Group
Health by Design
Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS)
Healthcare Ready
HLN Consulting, LLC
Illinois Public Health Association
Immunize Arkansas
Indiana Public Health Association
Inner Explorer
Institute for Health and Productivity Studies
Institute for Public Health Innovation
Johnson County Public Health
Jump IN for Healthy Kids
Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition
Lakeshore Foundation
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
Louisiana Families for Vaccines
Maine Public Health Association
Massachusetts Health Officers Association
Maine Public Health Association

March of Dimes
Massachusetts Public Health Alliance
Mercer County Health Department
NASTAD
National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems (NAPHSIS)
National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)
National Association of Counties (NACo)
National Association of Local Boards of Health
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
National Council on Aging
National Hispanic Health Foundation
National League for Nursing
National Network of Public Health Institutes
National Nurse-Led Care Consortium
National Prevention Science Coalition
NC Public Health Association
Nevada Public Health Association
New Jersey Public Health Association (NJPHA)
New York State Public Health Association
Oregon Coalition of Local Health Officials
Peggy Lillis Foundation
Pennsylvania Public Health Association
Prevent Blindness Georgia
Prevention Institute
Public Health Foundation
Public Health Institute
Respiratory Health Association
RI Executive Office of Health and Human Services
Safe Kids Worldwide
Safe State Alliance
San Francisco AIDS Foundation
Smoke Free St Joe
Society for Public Health Education
Southern Nevada Health District
Stand4Kind
Tennessee Public Health Association
The AIDS Institute
The Health Project
The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America
Trust for America's Health
The Task Force for Global Health
Vaccinate Your Family
Voices for Vaccines
Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials
Wisconsin Association of Local Boards of Health
Wisconsin Public Health Association
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