

tobacco prevention programs work, they have been chronically underfunded. Only one state funds these programs at the level recommended by the CDC, and taken together, states are spending less than 20 percent of what the CDC recommends for these programs. The Prevention and Public Health Fund will help states and communities expand these proven and effective programs.

Already Fiscal Year 2010 funds from the Prevention and Public Health Fund have been allocated to tobacco prevention and cessation programs across the country and with these funds every state will be able to expand efforts to motivate smokers to quit. In addition, the Senate Appropriations Committee has approved an additional \$15 million in Fiscal Year 2011 for state tobacco quitlines which would result in an estimated 30,000 additional quitters. In addition to saving lives, research on higher lifetime healthcare costs of smokers versus quitters indicates that the long-term cost savings from these additional quitters could be at least \$9,500 per quitter, producing long-term cost savings of \$285 million. In addition, research indicates that the reduction in the number of smokers will result in *immediate* savings of hundreds of dollars per quitter from averted heart attacks, high risk births and other medical emergencies.

The Prevention and Public Health Fund provides an opportunity to invest in proven interventions that will save lives and reduce health care costs. Again, we urge you to oppose the Johanns amendment because it would eliminate the Prevention and Public Health Fund.

Sincerely,

American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American Heart Association
American Lung Association
Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids
American Academy of Nurse Practitioners
American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Association for Cancer Research
American Association for Respiratory Care
American College of Chest Physicians (ACCP)
American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine
American College of Preventive Medicine
American Psychological Association
American Society of Clinical Oncology
American Thoracic Society
Association of Black Cardiologists
National Association of County and City Health Officials

National Association of Local Boards of Health
National Hispanic Medical Association
National Hispanic Health Foundation
National Research Center for Women & Families
North American Quitline Consortium
Oncology Nursing Society
Partnership for Prevention
Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions
Society for Public Health Education
United Church of Christ, Justice and Witness Ministries
United Methodist Church - General Board of Church and Society