

May 18, 2017

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Senate Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Senate Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Leader McConnell and Minority Leader Schumer:

As organizations responsible for protecting the public's health, we respectfully request your continued support for vital public health programs currently funded through the Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF). We are concerned that long-standing public health programs now receiving resources through the PPHF authorized by the Affordable Care Act (ACA) are in jeopardy due to the elimination of the Fund in the American Healthcare Act passed by the House of Representatives.

Among the programs at risk at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are the 317 Immunization Program, Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Grants, Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention program, and Diabetes Prevention program, among others. The PPHF provides vital resources to governmental public health at the federal, state, and local levels, and its elimination will serve to further erode our public health system. Investment in programs that prevent people from getting sick is a critical component to reduce health care costs in our nation.

In addition, public health leaders are concerned that the American Healthcare Act ends funding in FY2020 for the Medicaid expansion in 32 states, which has provided access to primary and emergency care to millions of Americans. The bill also caps federal Medicaid funding that will ultimately result in shifting responsibility to the states and counties — leaving governors, state legislatures, and local governments facing tight budgets with no choice but to reduce coverage for millions of seniors, low-income families, people with disabilities, and children.

Eliminating public health programs that are now funded by resources authorized by the ACA without a clear plan for replacement would seriously undermine the ability of counties and cities to protect and promote health. The loss of hundreds of millions of dollars for public health would have repercussions in communities across the country, hampering efforts to respond to food borne outbreaks, prevent emerging infectious diseases like Ebola and Zika, and respond to natural disasters and other emergencies.

We urge you to sustain current investments in public health and prevention. Now more than ever we need a strong public health infrastructure that has the adequate capacity to promote health, prevent illness, and treat disease.

Sincerely,  
National Association of County and City Health Officials

**State Organizations/Local Health Departments**

Maricopa County Department of Public Health	AZ
Tsehootsooi Medical Center	AZ
California Public Health Association-North	CA
County Health Executives Association of California	CA
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health	CA
Santa Clara County Public Health Department	CA
Pitkin County Environmental Health Department	CO
East Shore District Health Department	CT
Uncas Health District	CT
West Hartford-Bloomfield Health District	CT
DeKalb County Board of Health/MRC	GA
Cerro Gordo County Department of Public Health	IA
Siouxland District Health Department	IA
Monona County Public Health	IA
Southwest District Health Department	ID
Chicago Department of Public Health	IL
Cook County Dept of Public Health	IL
Grundy County Health Department	IL
Northern Illinois Public Health Consortium	IL
Cass County Health Department	IL
Lee County Health Department	IL
Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center	IL
Elkhart County Health Department	IN
Johnson County Department of Health and Environment	KS
Kansas Public Health Association	KS
Norton County Health Department	KS
Oral Health Kansas, Inc.	KS
Butler County Health Dept	KS
Lexington Health Department	KY
Marshall County Health Department	KY
WEDCO District Health Department	KY
Boston Public Health Commission	MA

Cambridge Public Health Department/Cambridge Health Alliance	MA
Baltimore City Health Department	MD
Maryland Association of County Health Officers (MACHO)	MD
Tribal Public Health District	ME
Wabanaki Public Health	ME
Washtenaw County Public Health	MI
Livingston County Health Department	MI
Brown County Public Health	MN
Human Services of Faribault & Martin Counties	MN
Des Moines Valley Health and Human Services	MN
Goodhue County Health and Human Services	MN
Kanabec County Community Health	MN
Local Public Health Association of Minnesota	MN
Meeker-McLeod-Sibley Community Health Services	MN
Minneapolis Health Department	MN
Minnesota Public Health Association (MPHA)	MN
North Valley Public Health	MN
Wright County Public Health	MN
Richland County Health Department	MT
RiverStone Health	MT
NC Association of Local Health Directors	NC
Pitt County Public Health	NC
Jones County Health Department	NC
Appalachian District Health Department	NC
Warren County Health Department	NC
Brunswick County Health Services	NC
Jackson County Department of Public Health	NC
Pamlico County Health Department	NC
Camden County Health Department	NJ
Freehold Area Health Department	NJ
Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission	NJ
New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officials	NJ
Somerset County Department of Health	NJ

Washoe County District Board of Health	NV
Cortland County Health Department	NY
Erie County Department of Health	NY
Jefferson County Public Health Service	NY
Oswego Health Department	NY
Steuben County Public Health	NY
Suffolk County Department of Health Services	NY
Ulster County Department of Health and Mental Health	NY
Otsego County Department of Health	NY
St. Lawrence County Health Department	NY
New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO)	NY
Carroll County General Health District	OH
Columbus Public Health	OH
Cuyahoga County Board of Health	OH
Madison County Public Health	OH
Salem City Health District	OH
Youngstown City Health District	OH
Knox County Health Department	OH
Henry County Combined General Health District	OH
Lorain County General Health District	OH
Tulsa Health Department	OK
Coos Health & Wellness	OR
Multnomah County Health Department	OR
Philadelphia Department of Public Health	PA
Austin Public Health	TX
Beaumont Public Health Department	TX
City of Amarillo Department of Public Health	TX
Harris County Public Health	TX
Sweetwater-Nolan County Health Department	TX
San Juan Public Health	UT
Tooele County Health Department	UT
Norfolk Health Department	VA
Peninsula Health Department	VA

Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department	WA
Greenfield Health Department	WI
La Crosse County Health Department	WI