

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) COALITION

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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 182 members of the CDC Coalition and other supporting state and national organizations urge you to provide at least **\$7.8 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's programs in the FY 2018 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations bill**. We are deeply disappointed that President Trump's initial budget proposal recommends an astounding \$15.1 billion or nearly 18 percent cut to the Department of Health and Human Service's budget for FY 2018. While the president's budget blueprint does not provide specific funding levels for CDC, given the size of the proposed cut to HHS, it is clear that funding for every HHS agency and program would be at risk under his proposal. We believe that Congress should prioritize funding for all of the activities and programs supported by CDC. CDC programs are essential to protect the health of the American people. Furthermore, we are deeply concerned about efforts to repeal the Prevention and Public Health Fund, authorized by the Affordable Care Act, and the impact the loss of this funding would have on CDC's annual budget. The Prevention and Public Health Fund currently accounts for 12 percent of CDC's budget and Congress must ensure that CDC's budget remains whole in the face of efforts to repeal the ACA.

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 monitoring and investigating last year's multi-state measles outbreak 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 emergency preparedness, chronic disease prevention, to combating the tobacco and obesity epidemics. 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 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 to confront the myriad public health issues facing the nation. **We urge you to support a funding level of at least \$7.8 billion for CDC programs in FY 2018.**

Please contact Don Hoppert at donald.hoppert@apha.org or 202-777-2514 with any questions regarding our request.

Sincerely,

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
AcademyHealth
American Academy of Family Physicians
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Association for Dental Research
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine
American Association on Health and Disability
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN)
American College of Clinical Pharmacy
American College of Preventive Medicine
American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American Dental Hygienists' Association
American Diabetes Association
American Foundation for the Blind
American Heart Association

American Liver Foundation
American Lung Association
American Optometric Association
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 Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
American Statistical Association
American Thoracic Society
American Thrombosis and Hemostasis Network (ATHN)
Arizona Public Health Association
Arizona State University
Association for Clinical and Translational Science
Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology
Association for Psychological Science
Association of American Medical Colleges
Association of Black Cardiologists
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools
Association of Population Centers
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
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America
Autism Family Services of New Jersey
AVAC
Avery's Angels Gastroschisis Foundation
California Consortium of Addiction Programs & Professionals
California Public Health Association-North
Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids
Caregivers of New Jersey
Center for Science in the Public Interest
Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)
Children's Environmental Health Network
Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin
Coalition for Clinical and Translational Science
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
Cooley's Anemia Foundation
Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists
Crohn's & Colitis Foundation
CUNY Institute for Demographic Research

Digestive Disease National Coalition
Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative - North America
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation
Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation
Epilepsy Foundation
Epilepsy Foundation of New Jersey
Family Voices
Friends of the National Center for Health Statistics
Futures Without Violence
GBS|CIDP Foundation International
Georgia Public Health Association
Global Health Technologies Coalition (GHTC)
Green & Healthy Homes Initiative
Hawaii Public Health Association
Healthcare Ready
HealthHIV
Healthy Teen Network
Hepatitis B Foundation
Hepatitis Foundation International
HIV Medicine Association
IC & RC
Idaho Public Health Association
Illinois Association for Behavioral Health
Infectious Diseases Society of America
International Foundation for Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders
International Vaccine Institute
Interstitial Cystitis Association
Iowa Public Health Association
Jeffrey Modell Foundation
Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security
Kentucky Public Health Association
Lakeshore Foundation
Lung Cancer Alliance
Maine Public Health Association
March of Dimes
Maryland Public Health Association
Meharry Medical College
METAvivor
Michigan Public Health Association
Minnesota Public Health Association
Missouri Public Health Association
MMV
Montana Public Health Association
Morehouse School of Medicine
NAPHSIS
NASTAD
National AHEC Organization
National Association of Chronic Disease Directors
National Association of County and City Health Officials

National Association of Medical Examiners
National Birth Defects Prevention Network
National Black Nurses Association
National Blood Clot Alliance
National Coalition for LGBT Health
National Coalition of STD Directors
National Council for Diversity in the Health Professions
National Environmental Health Association
National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association
National Fragile X Foundation
National Hispanic Medical Association
National LGBT Cancer Network
National Network of Public Health Institutes
National Pancreas Foundation
National Recreation and Park Association
National Safety Council
National Violence Prevention Network
NC Public Health Association
Nemours Children's Health System
NephCure Kidney International
Nevada Public Health Association
New Hampshire Public Health Association
New Jersey Public Health Association
New Mexico Public Health Association
North Dakota Public Health Association
Ohio Public Health Association
Oklahoma Public Health Association
Population Association of America
Population Council
Prevent Blindness
Public Health Association of Nebraska
Public Health Association of New York City
Public Health Institute
Pulmonary Hypertension Association
Research!America
Sabin Vaccine Institute
Safe States Alliance
Scleroderma Foundation
Sexuality Information and Education Council of the U.S. (SIECUS)
Short Bowel Syndrome Foundation for Children of New England, Inc.
Simmons College School of Management
Sleep Research Society
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine
South Carolina Public Health Association
Southern California Public Health Association
Spina Bifida Association
Suicide Awareness Voices of Education
Texas Public Health Association
The AIDS Institute

The Arc of the United States
The Clinical Research Forum
The Marfan Foundation
The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy
The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America
Tourette Association of America
Trust for America's Health
Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine
U.S. Hereditary Angioedema Association
Utah Public Health Association
Vermont Public Health Association
Virginia Public Health Association
Washington Global Health Alliance
Washington State Public Health Association
Wisconsin Public Health Association
WomenHeart: The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease

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