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Omnibus Spending Bill Recognizes Importance of Public Health Funding

Washington, DC, March 22, 2018 —The [National Association of County and City Health Officials](#) (NACCHO), representing the nation’s nearly 3,000 local governmental health departments, lauds Congress for its support for key public health programs. The FY2018 Consolidated Appropriations Act provides a significant increase to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and provides \$800 million through the Prevention and Public Health Fund, a critical source of funding for local health department programs. Notable increases for CDC are:

- \$350 million increase to combat the opioid crisis,
- \$10 million increase for public health emergency preparedness
- \$18 million increase for childhood lead poisoning

Laura Hanen, MPP, NACCHO’s Interim Executive Director and Chief of Government Affairs, said, “We commend House and Senate appropriators for providing additional funding for Public Health Preparedness and maintaining the 317 immunization program, Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health, and the Preventive Health and Health Services block grant. Through these investments, Congress acknowledges the critical role

that CDC's programs play in assisting local health departments in their work to keep our communities healthy and safe."

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