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### **President's Proposed Budget Is a Blow to Public Health**

**Washington, DC, February 12, 2018** —The [National Association of County and City Health Officials](#) (NACCHO) representing nearly 3,000 local governmental health departments, is troubled by proposed cuts to key programs that maintain the nation's health and security. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides funds to state and local health departments to carry out a wide array of programs across the country. Drastic cuts to CDC programs will jeopardize the work of the nation's local health departments.

The President's FY2018 budget proposal includes deep cuts to immunization, infectious and chronic disease programs at the CDC, as well as programs that support disease monitoring and outbreak response. The budget does include a significant investment to address the opioid epidemic.

"The disinvestment in public health programs will only cost this nation more in the end," said NACCHO's interim executive director and chief of government affairs Laura Hanen, MPP. "The budget makes deep cuts that will negatively impact CDC and state and local health department's ability to do their job – which is to keep our communities healthy and safe."

NACCHO is committed to working with Congress and the Administration to ensure that governmental public health programs continue to receive sufficient support to protect our communities from infectious disease outbreaks and build on the historic gains in life expectancy in America that in large part are the result of public health investments and interventions.

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**About NACCHO**

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) represents the nation's nearly 3,000 local governmental health departments. These city, county, metropolitan, district, and tribal departments work every day to protect and promote health and well-being for all people in their communities. For more information about NACCHO, please visit [www.naccho.org](http://www.naccho.org).