

## CDC Coalition

March 4, 2019

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chair  
House Appropriations Subcommittee  
on Labor, Health and Human Services,  
Education, and Related Agencies  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Subcommittee  
on Labor, Health and Human Services,  
Education, and Related Agencies  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Roy Blunt  
Chair  
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

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro, Chairman Blunt and Ranking Members Cole and Murray:

The undersigned 225 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 2020 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations bill**. We believe that Congress should prioritize funding for all of the activities and programs supported by CDC which are essential to protect the health of the American people. We are grateful for the important increases provided for CDC programs in FY 2019 and we urge Congress to continue efforts to build upon these investments to strengthen all of CDC's programs. We also urge your continued support of the Prevention and Public Health Fund which currently makes up more than 10 percent of CDC's budget and provides funding for critical public health and prevention activities.

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 the current outbreak in the Republic of the Congo to monitoring and investigating disease outbreaks in the U.S., 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 combating the opioid, tobacco and obesity epidemics to emergency preparedness and chronic disease prevention. 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; tobacco prevention and control; nutrition and physical activity; immunizations; HIV/AIDS prevention; 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; improving the health and quality of life of individuals with disabilities; vision and eye health 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. **We urge you to support a funding level of at least \$7.8 billion for CDC's programs in FY 2020.**

Please contact Don Hoppert at [donald.hoppert@apha.org](mailto:donald.hoppert@apha.org) or 202-777-2514 with any questions regarding our request.

Sincerely,

1,000 Days  
AcademyHealth  
Advocates for Youth  
Alabama Public Health Association  
Alaska Public Health Association  
Allergy & Asthma Network  
Alzheimer's Association  
Alzheimer's Impact Movement (AIM)  
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 Osteopathic Medicine  
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy  
American Association on Health and Disability  
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network  
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
American College of Preventive Medicine  
American Dental Association  
American Dental Education Association  
American Diabetes Association  
American Heart Association  
American Liver Foundation  
American Lung Association  
American Optometric Association

American Osteopathic Association  
American Podiatric Medical Association  
American Psychological Association  
American Public Health Association  
American Society for Clinical Pathology  
American Society for Microbiology  
American Society for Nutrition  
American Society for Reproductive Medicine  
American Society of Hematology  
American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene  
American Statistical Association  
American Thoracic Society  
Arizona Public Health Association  
Arkansas Public Health association  
Arthritis Foundation  
Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum  
Association for Prevention Teaching and Research  
Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology  
Association for Psychological Science  
Association of Accredited Public Health Programs  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Association of Black Cardiologists  
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs  
Association of Pathology Chairs  
Association of Population Centers  
Association of Public Health Laboratories  
Association of Public Health Nurses (APHN)  
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health  
Association of State and Territorial Health Officials  
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America  
Autism Society of America  
Avery's Angels Gastroschisis Foundation  
Big Cities Health Coalition  
CAEAR Coalition  
California Consortium of Addiction Programs & Professionals  
Child Neurology Foundation  
Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder  
Children's Cardiomyopathy Foundation  
Children's Environmental Health Network  
Climate for Health, ecoAmerica  
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  
Delaware Academy of Medicine / Delaware Public Health Association

Dystonia Advocacy Network  
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation  
Endocrine Society  
Entomological Society of America  
Epilepsy Foundation  
Epilepsy Foundation Alaska  
Epilepsy Foundation Central & South Texas  
Epilepsy Foundation Eastern PA  
Epilepsy Foundation Heart of Wisconsin  
Epilepsy Foundation Iowa  
Epilepsy Foundation Maryland  
Epilepsy Foundation New England  
Epilepsy Foundation North/Central IL  
Epilepsy Foundation of Arizona  
Epilepsy Foundation of Colorado  
Epilepsy Foundation of Delaware  
Epilepsy Foundation of East Tennessee  
Epilepsy Foundation of Florida  
Epilepsy Foundation of Georgia  
Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Los Angeles  
Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois  
Epilepsy Foundation of Hawaii  
Epilepsy Foundation of Kentuckiana  
Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan  
Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota  
Epilepsy Foundation of Nevada  
Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York, Inc.  
Epilepsy Foundation of Oklahoma  
Epilepsy Foundation of Southeast Tennessee  
Epilepsy Foundation of Utah  
Epilepsy Foundation of Vermont  
Epilepsy Foundation of Virginia  
Epilepsy Foundation Ohio  
Epilepsy Foundation Oregon  
Epilepsy Foundation Texas-Houston/Dallas-Fort Worth/West Texas  
Epilepsy Foundation Washington  
Epilepsy Foundation West Virginia  
Family Voices  
Florida Public Health Association  
Friends of NCBDDD  
Friends of NCHS  
GBS|CIDP Foundation International  
Georgia Public Health Association  
GLMA: Health Professionals Advancing LGBTQ Equality  
Green & Healthy Homes Initiative  
Hawaii Public Health Association  
Healthy Teen Network  
Hepatitis B Foundation  
HIV Medicine Association

Idaho Public Health Association  
Illinois Association for Behavioral Health  
Illinois Public Health Association  
Immunize Nevada  
Indiana Public Health Association  
Infectious Diseases Society of America  
Interstitial Cystitis Association  
Iowa Public Health Association  
Jeffrey Modell Foundation  
Lakeshore Foundation  
Louisiana Public Health Association  
Lung Cancer Alliance  
Maine Public Health Association  
March of Dimes  
Maryland Public Health Association  
Massachusetts Public Health Association  
METAvivor Research & Support, Inc.  
Michigan Public Health Association  
Minnesota Public Health Association  
Mississippi Public Health Association  
Missouri Public Health Association  
Montana Public Health Association  
Moore Center for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School  
of Public Health  
NAPHSIS  
NASTAD  
National Association of Community Health Centers  
National Association of County and City Health Officials  
National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health (NPWH)  
National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials  
National Black Nurses Association  
National Blood Clot Alliance  
National CMV Foundation, Inc.  
National Coalition of STD Directors  
National Environmental Health Association  
National Fragile X Foundation  
National Hemophilia Foundation  
National Hispanic Medical Association  
National Kidney Foundation  
National Medical Association  
National Network of Public Health Institutes  
National Pancreas Foundation  
National Recreation and Park Association  
National Safety Council  
National Tuberculosis Controllers Association  
NC Public Health Association  
NephCure Kidney International  
Nevada Public Health Association  
New Hampshire Public Health Association

New Jersey Public Health Association  
New Mexico Public Health Association  
New York State Association of County Health Officials  
New York State Public Health Association  
North Dakota Public Health Association  
Ohio Public Health Association  
Oklahoma Public Health Association  
Oncology Nursing Society  
Oregon Public Health Association  
Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy (PPMD)  
Pennsylvania Public Health Association  
Population Association of America  
Prevent Blindness  
Prevent Blindness NC  
Prevent Blindness Wisconsin  
Prevent Cancer Foundation  
Prevention Institute  
Public Health Association of Nebraska  
Public Health Institute  
Puerto Rico Public Health Association  
Pulmonary Hypertension Association  
Research!America  
Rhode Island Public Health Association  
Safe States Alliance  
Scleroderma Foundation  
Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS)  
SHAPE America - Society of Health and Physical Educators  
Sleep Research Society  
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine  
Society for Public Health Education  
Society for Public Health Education - Minnesota Chapter  
Society of State Leaders of Health and Physical Education  
Spina Bifida Association  
Suicide Awareness Voices of Education  
Tennessee Public Health Association  
The AIDS Institute  
The Immunization Partnership  
The Johns Hopkins University  
The Los Angeles Trust for Children's Health  
The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America  
Tourette Association of America  
Trust for America's Health  
Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance  
US Hereditary Angioedema Association  
Utah Public Health Association  
Vaccinate Your Family  
Vermont Public Health Association  
Virginia Public Health Association  
Washington State Department of Health

Welcome Back Initiative  
West Virginia Public Health Association  
Wisconsin Public Health Association  
Wyoming Public Health Association  
YMCA of the USA

Cc: House Appropriations Committee  
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