

**CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) COALITION**  
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October 18, 2016

The Honorable Hal Rogers  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nita Lowey  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20515

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 Rogers and Cole and Ranking Members Lowey and DeLauro:

The undersigned members of the CDC Coalition and other supporting state and national organizations urge you to provide at least \$7.8 billion in full-year FY 2017 funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's programs as you work to develop a final FY 2017 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations bill or other final FY 2017 spending legislation. We also urge you to restore any cuts to important CDC programs that were included in the bills passed by House and Senate Appropriations Committees earlier this year and to reject the inclusion of any controversial policy riders that would threaten public health. We believe that Congress should prioritize funding for all of the activities and programs supported by CDC that are essential to protect the health of the American people.

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, birth defects and disabilities; 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 2017.

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,

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics  
AcademyHealth  
Alabama Public Health Association  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Association for Dental Research  
American Association of Colleges of Nursing  
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy  
American Association on Health and Disability (AAHD)  
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network  
American College of Preventive Medicine  
American Diabetes Association  
American Heart Association  
American Lung Association  
American Optometric Association  
American Psychological Association  
American Public Health Association  
American Society for Clinical Pathology  
American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy  
American Society for Reproductive Medicine  
American Thoracic Society  
Arkansas Public Health Association  
Arthritis Foundation  
Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology  
Association of Black Cardiologists  
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools, Inc.  
Association of Public Health Laboratories  
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health  
Association of State and Territorial Health Officials  
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America

Center for Science in the Public Interest  
Children's Environmental Health Network  
Coalition for Health Funding  
Colorado Public Health Association  
Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service, Inc. (COA)  
Community Health Partners of Sioux County  
Cooley's Anemia Foundation  
Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists  
Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America  
Delaware Academy of Medicine / Delaware Public Health Association  
Digestive Disease National Coalition  
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation  
Epilepsy Foundation  
GBS|CIDP Foundation International  
Green & Healthy Homes Initiative  
Hawaii Public Health Association  
Healthcare Ready  
HealthHIV  
Healthy Teen Network  
Hepatitis Foundation International  
HIV Medicine Association  
IC&RC  
Illinois Public Health Association  
Infectious Diseases Society of America  
Interstitial Cystitis Association  
Iowa Public Health Association  
Lakeshore Foundation  
Lung Cancer Alliance  
Maine Public Health Association  
March of Dimes  
Meharry Medical College  
Michigan Public Health Association  
Minnesota Public Health Association  
Missouri Public Health Association  
Montana Public Health Association  
Morehouse School of Medicine  
NAPHSIS: National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems  
National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD)  
National Alopecia Areata Foundation  
National Association of Chronic Disease Directors  
National Association of County and City Health Officials  
National Coalition for LGBT Health  
National Environmental Health Association  
National Network of Public Health Institutes  
National Recreation and Park Association  
National Safety Council  
National Violence Prevention Network  
NephCure Kidney International  
Nevada Public Health Association  
New Mexico Public Health Association

New York State Public Health Association  
North Carolina Public Health Association  
North Dakota Public Health Association  
Ohio Public Health Association  
Oklahoma Public Health Association  
Oregon Public Health Association  
Prevent Blindness  
Public Health Association of Nebraska  
Public Health Association of New York City  
Public Health Institute  
Pulmonary Hypertension Association  
Research!America  
Safe States Alliance  
Scleroderma Foundation  
Sexuality Information and Education Council of the U.S. (SIECUS)  
Sleep Research Society  
South Carolina Public Health Association  
South Dakota Public Health Association  
Southern California Public Health Association  
Tennessee Public Health Association  
The AIDS Institute  
The Marfan Foundation  
The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America  
Trust for America's Health  
Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine, Nursing and Allied Health  
US Hereditary Angioedema Association  
Washington State Public Health Association  
Wisconsin Public Health Association  
WomenHeart: The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease  
Wyoming Public Health Association  
YMCA of the USA

Cc: The Honorable Paul Ryan  
The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
House Appropriations Committee