

# CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) COALITION

April 18, 2017

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 184 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](mailto: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)  
Arthritis Foundation  
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  
PATH  
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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