

March 3, 2017

The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
President of the United States of America  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump:

On behalf of the more than 500 undersigned organizations, we are writing to warn of the dire consequences of repealing the Prevention and Public Health Fund (the Prevention Fund), authorized under the Affordable Care Act. Repealing the Prevention Fund without a corresponding increase in the allocation for the Labor-Health and Human Services-Education appropriations bill would leave a funding gap for essential public health programs, and could also foretell deep cuts for other critical programs funded in the bill.

Today, more than 12 percent of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) budget is supplied through Prevention Fund investments. This includes core public health programs that provide essential funds to help states keep communities healthy and safe, such as the 317 immunization program, epidemiology and laboratory capacity grants, the entire Preventive Health and Health Services (Prevent) Block Grant program, cancer screenings, chronic disease prevention and other critically important programs. For example, the Prevent Block Grant provides all 50 states, the District of Columbia, two American Indian tribes, and eight U.S. territories with flexible funding to address their unique public health issues at the state and community level.

Despite the growing and geographically disparate burden of largely preventable diseases, health threats such as the opioid epidemic, and emerging infectious disease outbreaks such as the Zika virus, federal disease prevention and public health programs remain critically underfunded. Public health spending is still below pre-recession levels, having remained relatively flat for years. The CDC's budget authority has actually decreased by 11.4 percent since FY 2010 adjusted for inflation, and the Prevention Fund has helped to make up the difference.

Discretionary programs, including public health, education, and job training programs funded through the Labor-Health and Human Services-Education (LHHS) appropriations spending bill have been cut dramatically and disproportionately in recent years as lawmakers have worked to reduce the deficit, even though experts across the political spectrum agree these programs are not a driving factor behind our nation's mid- and long term fiscal challenges. Eliminating the Prevention Fund would be disastrous to the CDC budget and programs, and to the LHHS bill as a whole, leaving a nearly \$1 billion budget hole which would be impossible to fill under current discretionary spending caps.

Funding prevention not only saves lives but it saves money. A comprehensive study of evidence-based prevention programs found that every dollar invested yields \$5.60 in savings. There are many provisions of the Affordable Care Act aimed at promoting health and prevention, but the Prevention Fund is particularly important – a dedicated investment in prevention and public health activities to counteract the much larger bill – \$3.2 trillion and growing – we pay every year as a country to treat illness and disease.

We urge you to maintain funding made possible by the Prevention and Public Health Fund and safeguard funding for the CDC and other programs under the Labor-HHS-Education spending bill.

Sincerely,

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Ability360

Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

Action for Healthy Kids (AFHK)

Active Living By Design

Active Transportation Alliance

Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research

ADAP Advocacy Association (aaa+)

Addiction Connections Resource

Adult Congenital Heart Association

Advancement Project California

Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital

Advocates for Better Children's Diets

African American Health Alliance

AIDS Alliance for Women, Infants,

Children, Youth & Families

The AIDS Institute

AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta

AIDS United

Allamakee County Public Health

American Academy of HIV Medicine

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 Pharmacy

American Association of Naturopathic

Physicians

American Association of Neuromuscular &

Electrodiagnostic Medicine

American Association on Health and Disability

American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

American College of Cardiology

American College of Clinical Pharmacy

American College of Preventive Medicine

American College of Sports Medicine

American Council on Exercise

American Diabetes Association

American Federation of State, County and

Municipal Employees

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

American Heart Association

American Immunization Registry Association

American Indian/Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian

APHA Caucus

The American Academy of HIV Medicine

American Lung Association

American Medical Student Association

American Organization of Nurse Executives

American Psychological Association

American Public Health Association

American School Health Association

American Sexual Health Association

American Society for Nutrition

American Society of Hematology

American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene

American STD Association

American Thoracic Society

Ann & Robert H. Lurie Foundation

APICAT for Healthy Communities

APLA Health

The Arc

Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest  
 Arizona Health Care Association  
 Arizona Medical Association  
 The Arizona Partnership for Immunization  
 Arizona Public Health Association  
 Arizona Rural Health Association  
 Arkansas Public Health Association  
 Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum  
 Asian Services In Action  
 Association for Clinical and Translational Science  
 Association for Prevention Teaching and Research  
 Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology  
 Association of Accredited Naturopathic Medical Colleges  
 Association of Accredited Public Health Programs  
 Association of American Cancer Institutes  
 Association of American Medical Colleges  
 Association of Community Health Nursing Educators  
 Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs  
 Association of Montana Public Health Officials  
 Association of Public Health Laboratories  
 Association of Public Health Nurses  
 Association of Reproductive Health Professionals  
 Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health  
 Association of State and Territorial Health Officials  
 Association of State Public Health Nutritionists  
 Association of University Centers on Disabilities  
 Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America  
 Atrius Health  
 Authority Health  
 Barnes ON THE MOVE Partnership  
 Behavioral Health Leadership Institute  
 Benzie Leelanau District Health Department (Benzonia, MI)  
 Berean Wellness & Community Support Center  
 Big Cities Health Coalition  
 Boston Alliance for Community Health  
 Boston Public Health Commission  
 Boston Senior Home Care  
 Boston University School of Public Health  
 Boulder County Public Health  
 The Bronx Health Link  
 Bronx Health REACH  
 California Public Health Association-North  
 California WIC Association  
 California WIC Association  
 Cambridge Health Alliance  
 Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids  
 Camptonville Community Partnership  
 Cancer Council of the Pacific Islands  
 Canyon Ranch Center for Prevention & Health Promotion  
 Cedar County Public Health  
 Center for Behavioral Epidemiology & Community Health  
 Center for Health and Learning  
 Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention  
 Center for Science in the Public Interest  
 Center in the Park  
 Central California Asthma Collaborative  
 Central Jersey Family Health Consortium  
 Central Michigan District Health Department  
 Central Michigan Regional Rural Health Network  
 Centralina Area Agency on Aging  
 Centro Multicultural La Familia  
 Cerro Gordo County Department of Public Health  
 Chalk Talk Science Project  
 ChangeLab Solutions  
 Chicago Commons  
 Childhood Obesity Prevention Coalition (WA State)  
 Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)  
 Children's Environmental Health Network  
 Children's Health Fund  
 Children's Mental Health Network  
 City-County Health District  
 Clinical Research Forum  
 Coalition for Clinical and Translational Science  
 Coalition for Health Funding  
 Coalition for Healthy School Food  
 Coconino County Public Health Services District

College of Public Health and Human Sciences,  
 Oregon State University  
 Colorado Association of Local Public Health  
 Officials  
 Colorado Association of School Nurses  
 Colorado Children's Immunization Coalition  
 Colorado Public Health Association  
 Commissioned Officers Association of the  
 U.S. Public Health Service, Inc. (COA)  
 CommonHealth ACTION  
 Community Access National Network (CANN)  
 Community Clinic Consortium  
 Community Health Councils  
 Community Health Improvement Partners  
 Connecticut Directors of Health Association  
 Connecticut Public Health Association  
 Conrad House, Inc.  
 Contact Wellness Foundation  
 Cooley's Anemia Foundation  
 COPD Foundation  
 Council for Diabetes Prevention  
 Council of State and Territorial  
 Epidemiologists  
 Council on Aging- Chicopee, MA  
 County Health Executives Association  
 of California  
 County of San Diego Health and Human  
 Services Agency  
 The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America  
 Cultiva La Salud  
 Delaware Academy of Medicine /  
 Delaware Public Health Association  
 Delaware County Office for the Aging  
 Delaware Public Health Association  
 Denver Public Health  
 Des Ahrens Lactation Consulting  
 Detroit Public Health STD Clinic  
 Diabetes Center for Improvement  
 Digestive Disease National Coalition  
 Dignity Health  
 Directors of Health Promotion and Education  
 District Health Department #10 (Tampa, FL)  
 District Health Department 2 & 4  
 (West Branch, MI)  
 Diversified Resources Group  
 Doctors for America  
 Dorchester County Health Department  
 Duxbury Council On Aging  
 Dystonia Medical Research Foundation  
 Early Impact Virginia  
 Edna Bennett Pierce Prevention Center,  
 Penn State University  
 Ehrens Consulting  
 Elder Options  
 Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, Inc.  
 Elder Services of Worcester Area, Inc.  
 Element Health, Inc.  
 Emory University  
 Endocrine Society  
 Enhance Asian Community on Health  
 Evidence-Based Leadership Council  
 Fairhill Partners  
 The Family Van: Harvard Medical School  
 Fayette County Health Department  
 Feeling Good MN  
 First In Families of North Carolina  
 Florida Breastfeeding Coalition  
 The Food Trust  
 Forest Grove Public Schools Region 6  
 Regional Prevention Coordinators  
 Foundation for Healthy Generations  
 Fund for Public Health in New York City  
 Futures Without Violence  
 Gallatin City-County Health Department  
 GBS|CIDP Foundation International  
 George Washington University Cancer Center  
 Georgia Society For Public Health Education  
 Global Liver Institute  
 Grand Traverse County Health Department  
 Greater Holyoke YMCA  
 The Greenlining Institute  
 Harrison County Home and Public Health  
 Hawaii Public Health Association  
 Hawaii Public Health Institute  
 Healing Touch Massage  
 Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City  
 Health Connect of South Dakota  
 Health Department of Northwest Michigan  
 Health Living Collaborative of Southwest Washington  
 Health Promotion Council of Southeastern Pennsylvania  
 Inc.  
 Health Resources in Action

Healthcare Ready  
Healthy Communities Coalition  
Healthy Living Cape Cod  
Healthy Oxford Hills  
Healthy Schools Campaign  
Healthy Teen Network  
Healthy Weight Partnership  
Hemophilia Council of California  
Hemophilia Foundation of Southern California  
Hepatitis B Foundation  
Hepatitis Foundation International  
Heritage Health and Housing  
Hispanic Health Initiatives, Inc.  
HIV Medicine Association  
HLN Consulting, LLC  
Hogg Foundation for Mental Health  
Home Care Alliance of MA  
Human Impact Partners  
Idaho Public Health Association  
Idaho Walk Bike Alliance  
Illinois Public Health Institute  
Immunize Nevada  
Indiana Public Health Association  
Infectious Diseases Society of America  
Institute for Community & Collaborative Health  
Institute for Health and Productivity Studies,  
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of  
Public Health  
Institute for Public Health Innovation  
Institute of Social Medicine & Community  
Health  
Intermountain Public Health Consulting, LLC  
International Board of Lactation Consultant  
Examiners  
International Certification & Reciprocity  
Consortium  
International Foundation for Functional  
Gastrointestinal Disorders  
International Society for Disease Surveillance  
International Valley Health Institute  
Interstitial Cystitis Foundation  
Iowa Public Health Association  
Jefferson County Public Health  
Jeffrey Modell Foundation  
John Peter Smith Health Network  
Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security  
Johns Hopkins University Institute for Health  
and Productivity Studies  
Joy-Southfield Community Development Corp  
Kalusugan Community Services  
Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition  
Kentucky Voices for Health  
Khmer Health Advocates  
Kossuth County Public Health  
La Alianza Hispana  
Lake County Health Department and Community  
Health Center  
Lakeshore Foundation  
The Latino Health Insurance Program, Inc.  
Latino Public Health Network at Hopkins  
Laurie M. Tisch Center for Food, Education & Policy,  
Teachers College Columbia University  
Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department  
League of American Bicyclists  
Levine Senior Center  
LiveWell Longmont  
Local Public Health Association of Minnesota  
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health  
The Los Angeles Trust for Children's Health  
Louisiana Public Health Association  
Louisiana Public Health Institute  
Lung Cancer Alliance  
Maine Public Health Association  
MaineHealth  
March of Dimes  
The Marfan Foundation  
Maricopa County Department of Public Health  
Maricopa Integrated Health System  
Maryland Partnership for Prevention  
Maryland Public Health Organization  
Massachusetts Public Health Association  
Master Trainer  
Matter of Balance  
Meals on Wheels and Senior  
Meharry Medical College  
Men's Health Caucus  
Mennin Consulting and Associates  
Mental Health America of Arizona  
METAvivor  
Metropolitan Area Planning Council  
Metropolitan Chicago Breast Cancer Task Force

Michigan Association for Local Public Health  
 Michigan Breastfeeding Network  
 MIKE Program  
 Minneapolis Health Department  
 Minnesota Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics  
 Minnesota Public Health Association  
 Mississippi Public Health Association  
 Missouri Association of Area Agencies on Aging  
 MJH Grant Consulting  
 Monona County Public Health  
 Montana Primary Care Association  
 Montana Public Health Association  
 Montgomery County Health Department  
 Montrose County School District  
 Morehouse School of Medicine  
 Mother & Child Health Coalition  
 My Brother's Keeper, Inc.  
 NAATPN, Inc.  
 NAPHSIS: National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems  
 Nashville CARES  
 National AHEC Organization  
 National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors  
 National Alopecia Areata Foundation  
 National Association for Health and Fitness  
 National Association of Area Agencies on Aging  
 National Association of Chronic Disease Directors  
 National Association of Counties  
 National Association of County and City Health Officials  
 National Association of School Nurses  
 National Association of Social Workers  
 National Birth Defects Prevention Network  
 National Birth Equity Collaborative  
 National Blood Clot Alliance  
 National Center for Disaster Preparedness  
 National Center for Health Care  
 The National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc  
 National Coalition for Promoting Physical Activity  
 National Coalition of STD Directors  
 National Coalition on Health Care  
 National Collaborative for Health Equity  
 The National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care  
 National Council for Behavioral Health  
 National Council on Aging  
 National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association  
 National Forum for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention  
 National Foundation for Infectious Diseases  
 National Healthy Start Association  
 National Hemophilia Foundation  
 National Hispanic Medical Association  
 National Institute for Children's Health Quality  
 National Latino Network of Casa de Esperanza  
 National Network of Public Health Institutes  
 National Prevention Science Coalition  
 National Recreation and Park Association  
 National Resource Center on Domestic Violence  
 The National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable  
 National WIC Association  
 Native Health  
 NC SOPHE Advocacy Committee  
 Nebraska Association of Local Health Directors  
 Nemours Children's Health System  
 NephCure Kidney International  
 Nevada Public Health Association  
 New England Wellness Foundation  
 New Jersey Public Health Association  
 New Mexico Public Health Association  
 The New York Academy of Medicine  
 New York State Association of County Health Officials  
 Newington Senior and Disabled Center  
 NICHQ (National Institute for Children's Health Quality)  
 NIRSA: Leaders in Collegiate Recreation  
 NJ YMCA State Alliance  
 North American Quitline Consortium  
 North Carolina Alliance for Health  
 North Carolina Society of Public Health Education  
 Northern Illinois Public Health Consortium  
 Nurse of South Carolina  
 OASIS Institute  
 Ohio Public Health Association  
 Oklahoma Public Health Association  
 Olympic Area Agency on Aging

ON THE MOVE, a community public health partnership  
Oregon Public Health Association  
Oregon State University  
Origins FTD, Inc.  
Partners for a Healthier Community  
Partners in Care Foundation  
PATHS Education Worldwide  
Peer Health Exchange  
Peggy Lillis Foundation  
Personal Assistance Services Council  
Philly Breastfeeds  
Planned Parenthood Federation of America  
Presence Mercy Medical Center Health Institute  
Prevent Blindness  
Prevent Cancer Foundation  
Prevention Institute  
Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association  
Primary Care Development Corporation  
Primary Care Medicine & Public Health Synergy  
Prism Health North Texas  
Project Inform  
Project Mend-A-House  
Promoting Healthy  
Protecting Arizona's Family Coalition  
Public Health Advocates  
Public Health Association of Nebraska  
Public Health Association of New York City  
Public Health Delta & Menominee Counties  
Public Health Foundation  
Public Health Institute  
Public Health Solutions  
Pulmonary Fibrosis Advocates  
Pulmonary Hypertension Association  
PureView Health Center  
Quality Home Care Services  
Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Coalition  
Rails-to-Trails Conservancy  
Region 9 Education Cooperative  
Research!America  
Respiratory Health Association  
Retrofit  
RiverStone Health  
Rural AIDS Action Network  
Rural Center for AIDS/STD Prevention at the IU School of Public Health Bloomington  
S2AY Rural Health Network, Inc.  
Sacramento Black Child Development Institute  
Safe and Healthy Communities  
Safe Kids Worldwide  
Safe Routes to School National Partnership  
Safe States Alliance  
Saint Anthony Hospital  
Salud de Paloma  
Sarah Samuels Center for Public Health Research & Evaluation  
School-Based Health Alliance  
Scleroderma Foundation  
SCP Partners  
Second Harvest Food Bank Santa Cruz County  
Self-Management Resource Center  
Senior Citizen Services of Greater Tarrant County Inc.  
Senior Resources - Agency on Aging  
Senior Services of Snohomish County  
Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia  
SeniorsPlus  
Sexuality Information and Education Council of the U.S  
Shelby County Schools Coordinated School Health  
Shoals Community Clinic  
Sickle Cell Disease Association/PDVC  
Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Honor Society  
Sleep Research Society  
Society for Public Health Education  
Society for the Advancement of Violence and Injury Research (SAVIR)  
The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America  
Society of Behavioral Medicine  
South Alabama Regional Planning Commission  
South Carolina Tobacco-Free Collaborative  
Southeast Ohio Breastfeeding Coalition  
Southern California Public Health Association  
Southern California Society for Public Health Education  
Southern HIV/AIDS Strategy Initiative (SASI)  
Southwest Human Development, Inc.  
SparksInitiatives  
Spina Bifida Association  
Spokane Shrinking Violet Society  
St Clair County Health Department  
Stewart Memorial Community Hospital

Sumner M. Redstone Global Center for  
Prevention and Wellness,  
George Washington University  
Susan G. Komen  
Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department  
Tennessee Public Health Association  
Think Bicycles of Johnson County  
Three Rivers district Home Health  
Thrive At Life: Working Solutions  
Tomorrow Matters!  
Training Resources Network, Inc.  
Treatment Action Group  
Tri County Health Department  
(Greenwood, CO)  
Trust for America's Health  
Tuscola County Health Department  
U.S. Hereditary Angioedema Association  
United States Breastfeeding Committee  
United Way of Tarrant County, TX  
Universal Health Care Action Network of Ohio  
The University of Texas M.D. Anderson  
Cancer Center  
Utah Public Health Association  
Valley Program for Aging Services  
Vermont Public Health Association  
VillageCare  
Virginia Public Health Association  
Walk San Francisco  
WalkBoston  
The Wall Las Memorias Project  
Washington State Association of Local Public  
Health Officials (WSALPHO)  
Washington State Public Health Association  
Wayne State University Center for Health and  
Community Impact  
Wellco  
WellGiG  
Wellness Institute of Greater Buffalo  
West Valley Neighborhoods Coalition  
Western Illinois Area Agency on Aging  
Western North Carolina AIDS Project  
Wholesome Wave  
Wilkes-Barre Family YMCA  
Winneshiek County Board of Health  
Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging  
Wisconsin Public Health Association

WithinReach  
Wolfson Wellness  
WomenHeart: The National Coalition for  
Women with Heart Disease  
The Women's Caucus  
YCat Yoga Therapy & Jnani Chapman's  
Integrative Medicine Service  
Youngstown State University