

May 17, 2017

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Senate Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Senate Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader McConnell and Minority Leader Schumer:

On behalf of the more than 520 undersigned organizations, we are writing to warn of the dire consequences of repealing the Prevention and Public Health Fund (the Prevention Fund), which is repealed by the American Health Care Act (H.R. 1628) at the end of FY 2018. 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 substantial cuts for other critical programs funded in the bill. As the Senate begins work on its version of health reform, we urge you to leave the Prevention and Public Health Fund in place.

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 LHHHS 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 College of Occupational
and Environmental 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
B'more Mobile
Barnes ON THE MOVE Partnership
Behavioral Health Leadership Institute
Benzie Leelanau District Health Department
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 State Association of Counties
California WIC Association
Cambridge Health Alliance
Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids
Camptonville Community Partnership
Canary Health
Cancer Council of the Pacific Islands
Cancer Prevention and Treatment Fund
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
of Washington 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.
The Consortium
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
Essential Access 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 Immunization Coalition
Idaho Public Health Association
Idaho Walk Bike Alliance
Illinois Public Health Institute
Immunize Nevada
Impetus – Let’s Get Started, LLC
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
 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
 Medicines360
 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 Association of State Alcohol and
 Drug Abuse Directors
 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 Environmental Health Association
 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
NJSOPHE
NJ YMCA State Alliance
North American Quitline Consortium
North Carolina Alliance for Health
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
 Self-Management Resource Center
 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
 The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology
 of America
 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
 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 Village, 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
 Winnesheik 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
Zero Breast Cancer