

# CDC Coalition

February 26, 2020

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 158 members of the CDC Coalition and other supporting state and national organizations urge you to provide at least **\$8.3 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's programs in the FY 2021 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 Congress provided for CDC programs in FY 2020. We urge you to build upon these investments to strengthen all of CDC's programs and to reject the \$693 million in cuts proposed for CDC in the president's FY 2021 budget proposal. We also urge your continued support of the Prevention and Public Health Fund which currently makes up more than 11% 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 current novel coronavirus outbreak globally and in the U.S. to playing a lead role in the control of Ebola in West Africa and the Democratic Republic of the Congo to monitoring, investigating and helping to control the recent measles 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 international partners rely on CDC for accurate information, direction and resources to ensure they continue to be prepared in a crisis or outbreak.

CDC is faced with unprecedented challenges and responsibilities ranging from combating the opioid, tobacco, vaping 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, STI and hepatitis prevention; prevention of vector-borne diseases; 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; Alzheimer's disease prevention and awareness; 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 \$8.3 billion for CDC's programs in FY 2021.**

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

Addiction Professionals of North Carolina

Allergy & Asthma Network

Alzheimer's Association

Alzheimer's Impact Movement

America Optometric Association

American Academy of Family Physicians

American Academy of Pediatrics

American Association for Clinical Chemistry

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 of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine

American Association on Health and Disability

American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

American College of Physicians

American College of Preventive Medicine

American Dental Education Association

American Diabetes Association

American Heart Association  
American Liver Foundation  
American Lung 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 for Reproductive Medicine  
American Society of Hematology  
American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene  
American Thoracic Society  
Arizona Public Health Association  
Arthritis Foundation  
Association for Clinical and Translational Science  
Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology  
Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries  
Association of Accredited Public Health Programs  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs  
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools  
Association of Pathology Chairs  
Association of Population Centers  
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  
Autism Society of America  
Avery's Angels Gastroschisis Foundation  
CAEAR Coalition  
California Consortium of Addiction Programs & Professionals  
Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids  
Center for Science in the Public Interest  
Child Neurology Foundation  
Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder  
Children's Cardiomyopathy Foundation  
Children's Environmental Health Network  
Climate for Health, ecoAmerica  
Clinical Research Forum  
Coalition for Clinical and Translational Science  
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  
Endocrine Society  
Entomological Society of America

Epilepsy Foundation  
Eta Sigma Gamma  
Family Voices  
GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer  
Green & Healthy Homes Initiative  
Health by Design  
Healthy Teen Network  
Hepatitis B Foundation  
HIV + Hepatitis Policy Institute  
HIV Medicine Association  
Idaho Public Health Association  
Illinois Association of Behavioral Health  
Illinois Public Health Association  
Illinois Society for the Prevention of Blindness  
Immunize Nevada  
Indiana Public Health Association  
International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium  
Jeffrey Modell Foundation  
Lakeshore Foundation  
Louisiana Public Health Association  
Maine Public Health Association  
March of Dimes  
Maryland Public Health Association  
Massachusetts Public Health Association  
Medical Library Association  
METAvivor  
Minnesota Public Health Association  
Mississippi Public Health Association  
Missouri Public Health Association  
Montana Public Health Association  
NASTAD  
National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems (NAPHSIS)  
National Association of County and City Health Officials  
National Blood Clot Alliance  
National CMV Foundation  
National Coalition of STD Directors  
National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association  
National Forum for Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention  
National Fragile X Foundation  
National Health Care for the Homeless Council  
National Kidney Foundation  
National Network of Public Health Institutes  
National Pancreas Foundation  
National Recreation and Park Association  
National Safety Council  
National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable  
NC Public Health Association  
Nevada Public Health Association  
New Hampshire Public Health Association

New Jersey Public Health Association  
New York State Public Health Association  
North Dakota Public Health Association  
Oregon Public Health Association  
Patient Services, Inc.  
Pennsylvania Public Health Association  
Population Association of America  
Prevent Blindness  
Prevent Blindness Georgia  
Prevent Blindness North Carolina  
Prevent Blindness Wisconsin  
Prevent Blindness Ohio  
Prevention Institute  
Project Sleep  
Public Health Institute  
Puerto Rico Public Health Association  
Research!America  
Rhode Island Public Health Association  
Safe States Alliance  
SHAPE America - Society of Health and Physical Educators  
Sleep Research Society  
Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America  
Society for Public Health Education  
Spina Bifida Association  
Suicide Awareness Voices of Education  
Tennessee Public Health Association  
The AIDS Institute  
The Immunization Partnership  
Tourette Association of America  
Trust for America's Health  
Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance  
US Hereditary Angioedema Association  
Vaccinate Your Family  
Washington State Department of Health  
Welcome Back Initiative  
Wisconsin Public Health Association  
WomenHeart: The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease  
Wyoming Public Health Association  
YMCA of the USA

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