

# CDC Coalition

March 22, 2023

The Honorable Robert Aderholt  
Chair  
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

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin  
Chair  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee  
on Labor, Health and Human Services,  
Education, and Related Agencies  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito  
Ranking Member  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee  
on Labor, Health and Human Services,  
Education, and Related Agencies  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairs Aderholt and Baldwin and Ranking Members DeLauro and Capito:

The undersigned 144 members of the CDC Coalition and other supporting state, national and academic organizations urge you to include at least **\$11.581 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's programs in the FY 2024 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies appropriations bill**. Strong funding for CDC is critical to supporting all of CDC's activities and programs, which are essential to protect the health of our communities. Due to years of underfunding, many CDC programs have not received the resources that are needed to address the many health challenges we face as a nation, resulting in many of CDC's most effective prevention programs not reaching all states and communities. In addition, we will strongly oppose any efforts to cut funding from any of the agency's critical public health programs.

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 ensure an adequate translation of new research into effective state and local programs. Coalition member groups represent millions of public health workers, researchers, clinicians, educators, academic institutions, health policy advocates, patients and individuals and families served by CDC programs.

CDC serves as the command center for the nation's public health defense system against emerging and reemerging infectious diseases as well as man-made and natural disasters. From playing a leading role in aiding in the surveillance, detection and mitigation of the COVID-19 pandemic in the U.S. and globally, to monitoring and investigating the mpox outbreak and other disease outbreaks in the U.S. and internationally, to pandemic flu preparedness, CDC is the nation's – and a global – 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 can prepare, respond and recover from a crisis or disease outbreak.

CDC is also faced with other unprecedented challenges and responsibilities including chronic disease prevention. As the pandemic has demonstrated, chronic diseases and infectious diseases are inextricably linked. Good underlying health is a critical component to preventing severe infection and death from communicable diseases.

CDC plays a leading role in combating the opioid, tobacco, e-cigarette and obesity epidemics as well as emergency preparedness. CDC funds programs for strengthening public health infrastructure at all levels; strengthening and expanding the public health workforce; injury prevention; research into gun violence prevention; suicide 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 and climate adaptation strategies; oral health; reducing health disparities; preventing maternal and infant mortality and birth defects; sickle cell disease data collection; 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, public health research and health statistics and harmonizing clinical laboratory test results. It is notable that more than 70% of CDC's budget supports public health and prevention activities through 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 our communities from public health threats and emergencies, CDC programs are crucial to reducing health care costs and decreasing health disparities and improving health equity. Despite the progress CDC has made to meet these needs, the agency's programs remain woefully underfunded. **We urge you to include at least \$11.581 billion for CDC's programs in the FY 2024 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies appropriations bill.**

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,

Accessia Health  
Allergy & Asthma Network  
American Academy of Family Physicians  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Association for Clinical Chemistry  
American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research  
American Association of Colleges of Nursing  
American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine  
American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine  
American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges  
American Association on Health and Disability  
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

American College of Clinical Pharmacy  
American College of Physicians  
American Heart Association  
American Lung Association  
American Physical Therapy Association  
American Psychological Association  
American Public Health Association  
American Society for Clinical Pathology  
American Society for Microbiology  
American Society for Reproductive Medicine  
American Society of Hematology  
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene  
American Thoracic Society  
Arizona Public Health Association  
Arthritis Foundation  
Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs  
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools  
Association of Public Health Laboratories  
Association of Schools Advancing Health Professions  
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health  
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America  
Big Cities Health Coalition  
Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids  
Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine  
Celiac Disease Foundation  
Children's Environmental Health Organization  
Choose Healthy Life  
Climate Psychiatry Alliance  
Coalition of Skin Diseases  
Colorado Public Health Association  
Consortium of Social Science Associations  
Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists  
Delaware Academy of Medicine/Delaware Public Health Association  
Dermatology Nurses Association  
Digestive Disease National Coalition  
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation  
Endocrine Society  
Entomological Society of America  
Epilepsy Foundation  
Florida Public Health Association  
GBS | CIDP Foundation International  
Green & Healthy Homes Initiative  
Hawaii Public Health Association  
Healthy Teen Network  
Hepatitis B Foundation  
HIV Medicine Association  
Hope Charities

Illinois Public Health Association  
Illinois Society for the Prevention of Blindness  
Indiana Public Health Association  
Infectious Diseases Society of America  
International Foundation for Gastrointestinal Disorders  
Interstitial Cystitis Association  
Johns Hopkins University & Medicine  
Lakeshore Foundation  
Louisiana Public Health Association  
Lymphatic Education & Research Network  
Maine Public Health Association  
March of Dimes  
Massachusetts Public Health Association  
Medical Students for a Sustainable Future  
METAvivor  
Minnesota Public Health Association  
Missouri Public Health Association  
Morehouse School of Medicine  
NASTAD  
National AHEC Organization  
National Alopecia Areata Foundation  
National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems (NAPHSIS)  
National Association of Chronic Disease Directors  
National Association of County and City Health Officials  
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners  
National Association of Vector-Borne Disease Control Officials  
National Eczema Association  
National Environmental Health Association  
National Hispanic Medical Association  
National League for Nursing  
National Pancreas Foundation  
National Safety Council  
National Tuberculosis Controllers Association (NTCA)  
National WIC Association  
NC Public Health Association  
NephCure Kidney International  
Nevada Public Health Institute  
New Mexico Public Health Association  
New York State Public Health Association  
NM Public Health Association  
North Carolina Mosquito and Vector Control Association  
Northeast Regional Center for Excellence in Vector-Borne Diseases  
Oklahoma Public Health Association  
Oregon Public Health Association  
Partnership for Healthy Communities, University of Delaware  
Platelet Disorder Support Association  
Prevent Blindness  
Prevent Blindness North Carolina  
Prevent Blindness Wisconsin

Prevent Blindness, Ohio Affiliate  
Prevention Institute  
Project Sleep  
Public Health Institute  
Pulmonary Hypertension Association  
Research!America  
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation  
Safe States Alliance  
SHAPE America - Society of Health and Physical Educators  
Sleep Research Society  
Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America  
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine  
Society for Women's Health Research  
South Dakota Public Health Association  
Southeastern Center of Excellence in Vector-Borne Diseases (SECVBD)  
Spina Bifida Association  
Tennessee Public Health Association  
The AIDS Institute  
The Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments  
The Chronic Disease Alliance  
Tourette Association of America  
Trust for America's Health  
Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine  
U.S. Hereditary Angioedema Association  
United for Charitable Assistance  
US Biologic, Inc.  
Utah Public Health Association  
Vermont Public Health Association  
Virginia Public Health Association  
wAIHA Warriors  
Washington State Public Health Association  
Wisconsin Public Health Association  
Wyoming Public Health Association  
YMCA of the USA