

# CDC Coalition

April 1, 2022

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 Patty Murray  
Chair  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee  
on Labor, Health and Human Services,  
Education, and Related Agencies  
Washington, DC 20510

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

Dear Chair DeLauro, Chair Murray, Ranking Member Cole and Ranking Member Blunt:

The undersigned 178 members of the CDC Coalition and other supporting state and national organizations urge you to include at least **\$11 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's programs in the FY 2023 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.

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, 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 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.

While CDC is playing a leading role in protecting the public's health from COVID-19, it is faced with many other unprecedented challenges and responsibilities ranging from chronic disease prevention to combating the opioid, tobacco, e-cigarette and obesity epidemics to emergency preparedness. CDC funds programs for strengthening public health infrastructure at all levels; 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 addressing the health impacts of climate change; oral health; reducing health disparities; preventing 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 improving health. 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 billion for CDC's programs in the FY 2023 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  
African American Health Alliance  
AIDS Alabama  
Allergy & Asthma Network  
Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments  
American Academy of Family Physicians  
American Academy of Orthotists & Prosthetists  
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 on Health and Disability  
American College of Clinical Pharmacy  
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
American College of Physicians  
American Heart Association  
American Liver Foundation  
American Lung Association

American Mosquito Control Association  
American Physical Therapy Association  
American Public Health Association  
American School Health Association  
American Society for Clinical Pathology  
American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy  
American Society for Microbiology  
American Society for Reproductive Medicine  
American Society of Hematology  
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene  
American Thoracic Society  
Arthritis Foundation  
Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum  
Association for Clinical and Translational Science  
Association for Prevention Teaching and Research  
Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology  
Association for Psychological Science  
Association for the Advancement of Blood and Biotherapies  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs  
Association of Public Health Laboratories  
Association of Schools Advancing Health Professions  
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health  
Association of State and Territorial Health Officials  
Association of State Public Health Nutritionists  
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America  
Big Cities Health Coalition  
CAEAR Coalition  
Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids  
CARES of Southwest Michigan  
CenterLink: The Community of LGBT Centers  
Children's Cardiomyopathy Foundation  
Children's Environmental Health Network  
Climate for Health  
Climate Psychiatry Alliance  
Clinical Research Forum  
Coalition for Clinical and Translational Science  
Colorado Public Health Association  
Common Threads  
Cooley's Anemia Foundation  
Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists  
Covering Kids & Families of Indiana  
CURE Epilepsy  
Delaware Academy of Medicine / Delaware Public Health Association  
Digestive Disease National Coalition  
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation  
Endocrine Society  
Entomological Society of America  
Epilepsy Alliance America

Epilepsy Foundation  
Fight Colorectal Cancer  
Florida Public Health Institute  
GBS-CIDP Foundation International  
Georgia AIDS Coalition  
GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer  
Green & Healthy Homes Initiative  
Hawaii Public Health Association  
Health by Design  
Health Care Without Harm  
Healthy Teen Network  
Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association  
Hep B United  
Hepatitis B Foundation  
HIV AIDS Alliance of Michigan  
HIV Dental Alliance  
HIV Medicine Association  
HIV+Hepatitis Policy Institute  
Hope Charities  
Illinois Public Health Association  
Illinois Society for the Prevention of Blindness  
Immunization Coalition of Delaware  
Indiana Public Health Association  
Infectious Diseases Society of America  
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Iowa Public Health Association  
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Mississippi Public Health Association  
Missouri Public Health Association  
Montana Public Health Association  
Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California  
NASTAD  
National Alopecia Areata Foundation  
National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems  
National Association of Chronic Disease Directors  
National Association of County and City Health Officials  
National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health  
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners  
National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials  
National Association of Vector-Borne Disease Control Officials  
National Center for Healthy Housing

National Coalition of STD Directors  
National Eczema Association  
National Environmental Health Association  
National League for Nursing  
National Network of Public Health Institutes  
National Pancreas Foundation  
National Safety Council  
National Scleroderma Foundation  
NC Public Health Association  
NephCure Kidney International  
Nevada Public Health Association  
New Jersey Public Health Association  
New Mexico Public Health Association  
New York State Public Health Association  
North Dakota Public Health Association  
Northeast Regional Center for Excellence in Vector-Borne Diseases  
Ohio Public Health Association  
Oklahoma Public Health Association  
Oregon Public Health Association  
Pennsylvania Public Health Association  
Prevent Blindness  
Prevent Blindness Georgia  
Prevent Blindness North Carolina  
Prevention Institute  
Project Sleep  
Public Health Association of Nebraska  
Public Health Institute  
Pulmonary Hypertension Association  
Research!America  
Resolve to Save Lives  
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation  
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 Maternal-Fetal Medicine  
Society for Public Health Education  
Society for Women's Health Research  
South Carolina Public Health Association  
South Dakota Public Health Agency (SDPHA)  
Southern California Public Health Association  
Spina Bifida Association  
Tennessee Public Health Association  
The AIDS Institute  
The American College of Preventive Medicine  
The Brain Recovery Project  
The Gerontological Society of America  
The Los Angeles Trust for Children's Health

The Moore Center for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse  
The Task Force for Global Health  
Tourette Association of America  
Treatment Action Group  
Trust for America's Health  
U.S. Hereditary Angioedema Association  
Utah Public Health Association  
Vaccinate Your Family  
Vermont Public Health Association  
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Washington State Public Health Association  
Wisconsin Public Health Association