

## CDC Coalition

April 9, 2025

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 Shelley Moore Capito  
Chair  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee  
on Labor, Health and Human Services,  
Education, and Related Agencies  
Washington, DC 20510

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

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

The 219 undersigned members of the CDC Coalition and other supporting state, national and academic organizations urge you to include **\$11.581 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's programs in the FY 2026 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies appropriations bill**. Due to years of underfunding, many of CDC's most effective prevention programs are not reaching all states and communities, hampering efforts to achieve the greatest possible health outcomes across the nation. In addition to advocating for a stronger public health system at all levels of government, our organizations will strongly oppose any efforts to cut funding or dismantle critical CDC centers or programs or attach damaging policy riders to the bill, all of which would threaten the health and wellbeing of communities in every state.

We are extremely concerned that several recent actions by the administration will significantly weaken CDC, the rest of the nation's public health system and our efforts to combat many of the leading causes of death and disability in the nation. This includes the claw-back of more than \$11 billion in previously appropriated funding to our state and local health departments and an unworkable reorganization of CDC that eliminates thousands of important positions at the agency and critical programs to address chronic diseases, infectious diseases, injury and violence, occupational health and safety, healthy births, childhood disabilities, developmental disabilities, oral health and prevention of global health threats among others.

It is notable that nearly 80% of CDC's domestic budget supports public health and prevention activities through state, tribal, local and territorial health organizations and agencies, national public health partners and academic institutions.

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.

The agency plays a leading role in detecting and mitigating disease outbreaks in the U.S. and globally. CDC is currently monitoring and investigating the measles cases and outbreaks impacting 22 states that have resulted in at least 607 cases and two confirmed deaths, the H5 bird flu outbreaks in poultry and U.S. dairy cows that have now resulted in at least 70 recent human cases and one confirmed death, and other disease outbreaks in the U.S. and internationally. CDC also leads the nation's efforts for pandemic flu and other public health preparedness activities and 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. Chronic and mental health conditions account for 90% of the country's \$4.5 trillion in annual health care costs, and many of these are preventable with appropriate support. As repeated outbreaks and emergencies have 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's experts and programs work in a closely coordinated manner to protect all of our communities from these multifaceted threats.

CDC addresses the leading causes of death and disability by supporting this critical work across the country and in every state. No other federal agency or private entity can substitute for the expertise, technical assistance, data and research that CDC provides to jurisdiction and partners. CDC funds programs for strengthening public health infrastructure at all levels; public health emergency preparedness at all levels; strengthening and expanding the public health workforce; injury prevention; suicide prevention, including among the nation's veterans; 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, tuberculosis and hepatitis prevention; prevention of vector-borne diseases; environmental health, including the prevention of childhood lead poisoning and implementing community-based climate and severe weather adaptation strategies; oral health; reducing health disparities; preventing maternal and infant mortality and improving birth outcomes; sickle cell disease data collection; preventing antimicrobial resistance; drug overdose prevention; 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.

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. Despite the progress CDC has made to meet these needs, the agency's programs remain underfunded. **We urge you to include at least \$11.581 billion for CDC's programs in the FY 2026 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies appropriations bill and to reject any efforts to dismantle the agency or eliminate any of its essential public health programs.**

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,

Academic Pediatric Association  
Accessia Health  
Advocates for Better Children's Diets  
Alabama Public Health Association  
Allergy and Asthma Network (AAN)  
Alliance for Headache Disorders Advocacy  
Alpha-gal Alliance Action Fund  
American Academy of Family Physicians  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research  
American Association of Colleges of Nursing  
American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine  
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACCP)  
American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine  
American Association on Health and Disability  
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network  
American College of Chest Physicians  
American College of Clinical Pharmacy  
American College of Medical Toxicology  
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
American College of Physicians (ACP)  
American College of Preventive Medicine  
American Gastroenterological Association  
American Heart Association  
American Lung Association  
American Mosquito Control Association  
American Pediatric Society  
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 Statistical Association  
Angels of Epilepsy Inc.  
Arizona Public Health Association  
Arthritis Foundation  
Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum  
Association for Clinical and Translational Science  
Association for Diagnostics & Laboratory Medicine

Association for Prevention Teaching and Research  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs  
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  
Association of State and Territorial Health Officials  
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America  
Big Cities Health Coalition  
Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids  
Carroll County General Health District, Ohio  
Cavalier County Health District  
Celiac Disease Foundation  
Center for Lyme Action  
Children's Environmental Health Network  
Choose Healthy Life  
Christian Council of Delmarva  
Clinical Research Forum  
Coalition for Clinical and Translational Science  
Coalition of National Health Education Organizations  
Colorado Tick-Borne Disease Awareness Association  
Common Threads  
Confluence Public Health Alliance  
Connecticut Public Health Association  
Connecticut Society of Public Health Education  
Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists  
COVID-19 Longhailer Advocacy Project  
CTNNB1 Connect and Cure  
Delaware Public Health Association  
Dup15q Alliance  
Emergency Nurses Association  
Endocrine Society  
Entomological Society of America  
Epilepsies Action Network (EAN)  
Epilepsy Alliance America  
Epilepsy Foundation of America  
Epitome of Epilepsy nonprofit Organization  
Faces & Voices of Recovery  
Families USA  
Foundation for Healthy Generations  
Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research  
Foundation for the Advancement of Health Education  
Futures Without Violence  
GABA-A Alliance  
Georgia Public Health Association  
Global Liver Institute  
GO2 for Lung Cancer  
Good Days

Green & Healthy Homes Initiative  
HardyHandz Foundation, Columbia, SC  
Hawaii Public Health Association  
Head for the Cure  
Health E Strategies  
Healthy Teen Network  
HIV Medicine Association  
HIV+Hepatitis Policy Institute  
Hope Charities  
Hope for HIE  
IC&RC  
Illinois Pharmacists Association  
Illinois Public Health Association  
Illinois Rural Health Association  
Illinois Society for the Prevention of Blindness  
Indiana Public Health Association  
Infectious Diseases Society of America  
International WELL Building Institute  
Johns Hopkins University & Medicine  
Kansas Association of Local Health Departments  
Kansas Public Health Association  
Lakeshore Foundation  
Louisiana One Health In Action  
LymeTV  
Lymphatic Education & Reserach Network  
Maine Public Health Association  
March of Dimes  
MaryCatherine Jones Consulting, LLC  
Maryland Association of County Health Officers (MACHO)  
Massachusetts Health Officers Association  
Massachusetts ME/CFS & FM Association  
Medical Students for a Sustainable Future (MS4SF)  
Minnesota Public Health Association  
Mission MSA  
Mississippi Public Health Association  
Missouri Public Health Association  
Montana Public Health Association  
Morehouse School of Medicine  
Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California  
NASTAD  
National Asian American Pacific Islander Mental Health Association (NAAPIMHA)  
National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems (NAPHSIS)  
National Association of County and City Health Officials  
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners  
National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials  
National Behavioral Health Association of Providers  
National Bleeding Disorders Foundation  
National Center for Healthy Housing  
National Environmental Health Association

National Forum for Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention  
National League for Nursing  
National Minority Health Association  
National Network of Public Health Institutes  
National REACH Coalition  
National Safety Council  
National Scleroderma Foundation  
National Tuberculosis Coalition of America  
NC Public Health Association  
NEVADA / Nevada Association of Local Health Officials (NALHO)  
Nevada Public Health Association  
New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officials (NJACCCHO)  
New Jersey Public Health Association (NJPHA)  
New Jersey State Mosquito Control Commission  
New Mexico Public Health Association  
New York State Public Health Association  
NORSE Institute  
North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition  
North Dakota Public Health Association  
Northeast Regional Center for Excellence in Vector-Borne Diseases  
Northeastern Mosquito Control Association  
Oregon Coalition of Local Health Officials  
Oregon Public Health Association  
Patient Centered Care Advocacy Group  
Pediatric Policy Council Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine  
Pennsylvania Public Health Association  
Periodic Paralysis Association  
Phelan-McDermid Syndrome Foundation  
Prevent Blindness  
Prevent Blindness Georgia  
Prevent Blindness Iowa  
Prevent Blindness North Carolina  
Prevent Blindness Wisconsin  
Prevention Institute  
Project Sleep  
Public Health Association of Nebraska  
Public Health Institute  
Pulmonary Hypertension Association  
Rare Epilepsy Network  
Raynaud's Association Foundation  
Research!America  
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation  
Safe States Alliance  
SHAPE America - Society of Health and Physical Educators  
Sleep Health and Wellness Center, California  
Sleep Research Society  
Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America  
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine  
Society for Pediatric Research

Society for Public Health Education  
Society for Vector Ecology  
South Carolina Public Health Association  
South Dakota Public Health Association  
Southeastern Center of Excellence in Vector Borne Disease  
Southern California Public Health Association  
Spina Bifida Association  
STXBP1 Foundation  
Tennessee Public Health Association  
The AIDS Institute  
The HAP Foundation  
The LCC Foundation  
The Life Raft Group  
The National Pancreas Foundation  
The New York State of County Health Officials  
The Rory Belle Foundation  
Tia Hart Community Recovery Program  
Tick-Borne Conditions United  
Tourette Association of America  
Trust for America's Health  
Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine  
University of California, San Francisco  
Utah Public Health Association  
Village Public Health  
Virginia Public Health Association  
wAIHA Warriors  
Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials  
Washington State Public Health Association  
Wisconsin Public Health Association

cc: Members of the House and Senate Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittees