

# CDC Coalition

December 20, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chair  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Patty Murray  
Chair  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Susan Collins  
Vice Chair  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairs Granger and Murray, Ranking Member DeLauro and Vice Chair Collins:

The undersigned 139 members of the CDC Coalition and other supporting state, national and academic organizations urge you to work in a bipartisan manner to quickly finalize the FY 2024 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies appropriations bill with the highest possible level of funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Earlier this year, our coalition wrote to the leaders of the Labor-HHS-Education appropriations subcommittees urging them to provide at least \$11.581 billion for CDC in FY 2024. While we understand that the debt ceiling agreement from earlier this year has limited the resources available to the Appropriations Committees since our original request, we continue to urge you to prioritize CDC funding and to oppose the inclusion of any cuts or partisan policy riders related to any of the agency's programs. It is essential that Congress fully finalize the FY 2024 process and avoid the extremely damaging sequestration cuts that would undermine nondefense discretionary programs, including those at CDC. 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.

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, hepatitis and tuberculosis 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 prioritize CDC funding and to reject any cuts or damaging policy riders related to the agency's programs in any final FY 2024 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies appropriations bill.**

Please contact Don Hoppert at [don.hoppert@apha.org](mailto:don.hoppert@apha.org) or 202-777-2514 with any questions regarding our request.

Sincerely,

Accessia Health  
Alabama Public Health Association  
Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine (AAIM)  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research  
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases  
American Association of Colleges of Nursing  
American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine  
American Association on Health and Disability

American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN)  
American College of Preventive Medicine  
American College of Sports Medicine  
American Heart Association  
American Liver Foundation  
American Lung Association  
American Physical Therapy Association  
American Public Health Association  
American Society for Clinical Pathology  
American Society for Microbiology  
American Society of Hematology  
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene  
American Thoracic Society  
Arkansas Public Health Association  
Arthritis Foundation  
Association for Clinical and Translational Sciences  
Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Association of Black Cardiologists  
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  
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America  
Big Cities Health Coalition  
Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids  
Celiac Disease Foundation  
Children's Environmental Health Network  
Choose Healthy Life  
Coalition for Clinical and Translational Sciences  
Community Liver Alliance  
Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists  
Delaware Academy of Medicine / Delaware Public Health Association  
Dermatology Nurses Association  
District of Columbia Public Health Association  
Dystonia Advocacy Network  
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation  
Endocrine Society  
Entomological Society of America  
Epilepsy Foundation  
Florida Public Health Association  
Gaucher Community Alliance  
GBS|CIDP Foundation International  
Gerontological Society of America  
GO2 for Lung Cancer  
Good Days  
Hawaii Public Health Association  
Healthy Teen Network

Hereditary Angioedema Association  
HIV Medicine Association  
HIV+Hepatitis Policy Institute  
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  
International WELL Building Institute  
Interstitial Cystitis Association  
Iowa Public Health Association  
Johns Hopkins University & Medicine  
Kansas Public Health Association  
Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California  
Lakeshore Foundation  
Lymphatic Education & Research Network  
Maine Public Health Association  
March of Dimes  
Massachusetts Public Health Association  
METAvivor  
Minnesota Public Health Association  
Missouri Public Health Association  
Naphsis  
NASTAD  
National Alopecia Areata Foundation  
National Association of Chronic Disease Directors  
National Association of County and City Health Officials  
National Association of Local Boards of Health  
National Center for Healthy Housing  
National Coalition of STD Directors  
National Eczema Association  
National Environmental Health Association  
National Network of Public Health Institutes  
National Pancreas Foundation  
National Safety Council  
National Scleroderma Foundation  
National Tuberculosis Coalition of America. (NTCA)  
National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable (NVHR)  
National Youth Sports Health & Safety Institute  
NC Public Health Association  
Nevada Public Health Association  
New York State Public Health Association  
Ohio Public Health Association  
Oregon Public Health Association  
Pennsylvania Public Health Association  
Physical Activity Alliance  
Platelet Disorder Support Association  
Prevent Blindness

Prevent Blindness Iowa  
Prevent Blindness North Carolina  
Prevent Blindness Ohio  
Prevent Blindness Texas  
Prevent Blindness Wisconsin  
Prevention Institute  
Project Sleep  
Public Health Association of Nebraska  
Pulmonary Hypertension Association  
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation  
Safe States Alliance  
SHAPE America - Society of Health and Physical Educators  
SilverSneakers by Tivity Health  
Sleep Research Society  
Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America  
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine  
Society for Public Health Education  
South Carolina Public Health Association  
South Dakota Public Health Association  
Spina Bifida Association  
Tennessee Public Health Association  
The AIDS Institute  
The Coalition of Skin Diseases  
The National Pancreas Foundation  
Trust for America's Health  
U.S. Hereditary Angioedema Association  
Utah Public Health Association  
Vermont Public Health Association  
Virginia Public Health Association  
wAIHA Warriors  
Wisconsin Public Health Association  
Wyoming Public Health Association

Cc: The Honorable Mike Johnson  
The Honorable Hakim Jeffries  
The Honorable Charles Schumer  
The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
The Honorable Robert Aderholt  
The Honorable Tammy Baldwin  
The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito