



February 28th, 2023

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
 Chair, Labor-HHS Subcommittee
 Committee on Appropriations
 U.S. Senate
 Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
 Ranking Member, Labor-HHS Subcommittee
 Committee on Appropriations
 U.S. Senate
 Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Robert Aderholt
 Chair, Labor-HHS Subcommittee
 Committee on Appropriations
 U.S. House of Representatives
 Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
 Ranking Member, Labor-HHS Subcommittee
 Committee on Appropriations
 U.S. House of Representatives
 Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Baldwin, Chairman Aderholt, Ranking Member Capito, and Ranking Member DeLauro:

Thank you for your support for critical public health initiatives and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The undersigned organizations write to thank you for your ongoing commitment to the Chronic Disease Education and Awareness (CDEA) program at CDC and urge you to provide \$6 million (an increase of \$1.5 million) for this program in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bill.

CDC has awarded six competitive multi-year grants to improve public and professional awareness in the areas of hearing loss, lymphedema, obstructive sleep apnea, psoriasis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and cystic fibrosis. Considering the strong demand for

this emerging program and its potential to support additional meaningful efforts, ongoing growth in the program in FY 2024 is necessary to ensure a competitive process to address several additional chronic health care conditions. More information about this important CDC program can be found [here](#).

A funding level of \$6 million will allow CDC to continue to support ongoing projects and invest in new initiatives that increase public and professional awareness about chronic health conditions that do not have a designated funding line in the CDC budget.

Thank you again for your leadership in this important area and please consider our organizations a resource as you work to address chronic diseases through the CDEA program.

Sincerely,

Accessia Health AHUS Action Network American Liver Foundation
American Lung Association American Thoracic Society Coalition of Skin Diseases
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Digestive Disease National Coalition
Dystonia Advocacy Network Dystonia Medical Research Foundation Good Days
GBS|CIDP Foundation Gaucher Community Alliance Hope Charities
International Foundation for Gastrointestinal Disorders
Lymphatic Education & Research Network National Alopecia Areata Foundation
National Eczema Association National Pancreas Foundation National Psoriasis Foundation
National Scleroderma Foundation NephCure Kidney International
Platelet Disorder Support Association Project Sleep Pulmonary Hypertension Association
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation Sleep Research Society
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