## **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 Shelley Moore Capito Chair Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Washington, DC 20510 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 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 <u>donald.hoppert@apha.org</u> 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 (AACP)

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 Longhauler 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 (NJACCHO)

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