

## CDC Coalition

March 1, 2021

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 Chairwomen DeLauro and Murray and Ranking Members Cole and Blunt:

The undersigned 193 members of the CDC Coalition and other supporting state and national organizations urge you to provide at least **\$10 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's programs in the FY 2022 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations bill**. We believe that Congress should prioritize funding for all of the activities and programs supported by CDC which are essential to protect the health of the American people. We are grateful for the important increases Congress provided for CDC programs in FY 2021 and for the emergency supplemental funding provided through CDC as we continue to battle the COVID-19 pandemic. At the same time, many CDC programs have not received the significant funding increases that are needed to address the many other health challenges we face as a nation.

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 and citizens 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 playing a lead role in the control of Ebola in West Africa and the Democratic Republic of the Congo to monitoring, investigating and helping to control the recent measles outbreaks in the U.S., to pandemic flu preparedness, CDC is the nation's – and the world's – expert resource and response center, coordinating communications and action and serving as the laboratory reference center. States, communities and international partners

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In addition to playing a leading role in protecting the public's health from COVID-19, CDC is faced with many other unprecedented challenges and responsibilities ranging from chronic disease prevention to combating the opioid, tobacco, e-cigarette use and obesity epidemics to emergency preparedness. CDC funds programs for injury control; research into gun violence 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 protecting the public from 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 and public health research and health statistics. 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 Americans 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 have been woefully underfunded. **We urge you to support a funding level of at least \$10 billion for CDC's programs in FY 2022.**

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,

Advocates for Better Children's Diets  
Allergy & Asthma Network  
American Academy of Family Physicians  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Anthropological Association  
American Association for Clinical Chemistry  
American Association for Dental Research  
American Association of Colleges of Nursing  
American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine  
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy  
American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodagnostic Medicine  
American Association on Health and Disability  
American Brain Coalition  
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN)  
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 Osteopathic Association  
American Physical Therapy Association  
American Psychological Association  
American Public Health Association  
American Society for Clinical Pathology  
American Society for Microbiology  
American Society for Nutrition  
American Society for Reproductive Medicine  
American Society of Hematology  
American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene  
American Thoracic Society  
Arkansas Public Health Association  
Arthritis Foundation  
Association for Clinical and Translational Science  
Association for Prevention Teaching and Research  
Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology  
Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Association of Black Cardiologists  
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs  
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools  
Association of Population Centers  
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  
Athlete Ally  
Big Cities Health Coalition  
BiNet USA  
BPAN Warriors  
CACNA1A Foundation  
Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids  
Center for LGBTQ Economic Advancement & Research  
CenterLink: The Community of LGBT Centers  
Child Neurology Foundation  
Children's Cardiomyopathy Foundation  
Children's Environmental Health Network  
Children's Vision Massachusetts  
Clinical Research Forum  
Coalition for Clinical and Translational Science  
Colorado Public Health Association  
Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service, Inc. (COA)  
Consortium of Social Science Associations  
Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics (COPAFS)

Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists  
Crohn's & Colitis Foundation  
CURE Epilepsy  
Delaware Academy of Medicine / Delaware Public Health Association  
Digestive Disease National Coalition  
Dravet Syndrome Foundation  
Dup15q Alliance  
Dystonia Advocacy Network  
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation  
Endocrine Society  
Entomological Society of America  
Epilepsy Foundation  
Epilepsy Leadership Council  
Fight Colorectal Cancer  
Florida Public Health Association  
GBS|CIDP Foundation International  
GLMA: Health Professionals Advancing LGBTQ Equality  
GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer  
Good Days  
Green & Healthy Homes Initiative  
Hawaii Public Health Association  
Hepatitis B Foundation  
HIV Medicine Association  
HIV+Hepatitis Policy Institute  
Hope for HIE  
Illinois Public Health Association  
Illinois Society for the Prevention of Blindness  
Indiana Public Health Association  
Infectious Diseases Society of America  
International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium  
International Cystitis Association  
International Foundation for CDKL5 Research  
International Foundation for Gastrointestinal Disorders  
Kansas Public Health Association  
Lakeshore Foundation  
Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome (LGS) Foundation  
Louisiana Public Health Association  
Lymphatic Education & Research Network  
Maine Public Health Association  
March of Dimes  
Medical Library Association  
Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Health  
Minnesota Public Health Association  
Mississippi Public Health Association  
Missouri Public Health Association  
Montana Public Health Association  
NAPHSIS  
NASTAD  
National Alliance for Caregiving

National Alopecia Areata Foundation  
National Association of Chronic Disease Directors  
National Association of County and City Health Officials  
National Association of Epilepsy Centers  
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners  
National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials  
National Black Nurses Association  
National Environmental Health Association  
National Equality Action Team (NEAT)  
National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association  
National Fragile X Foundation  
National Hemophilia Foundation  
National Hispanic Medical Association  
National League for Nursing  
National Network of Public Health Institutes  
National Pancreas Foundation  
National Safety Council  
NC Public Health Association  
NephCure Kidney International  
Nevada Public Health Association  
New Hampshire Public Health Association  
New Jersey Public Health Association  
New Mexico Public Health Association  
New York State Public Health Association  
North Dakota Public Health Association  
Ohio Public Health Association  
Oregon Public Health Association  
Patient Services, Inc.  
Pennsylvania Public Health Association  
Pennsylvania Society of Gastroenterology  
Phelan-McDermid Syndrome Foundation  
Planned Parenthood Federation of America  
Population Association of America  
Prevent Blindness  
Prevent Blindness Georgia  
Prevent Blindness North Carolina  
Prevent Blindness Wisconsin  
Prevent Blindness, Ohio Affiliate  
Prevention Institute  
Project Sleep  
Public Health Association of Nebraska  
Public Health Foundation  
Public Health Institute  
Pulmonary Hypertension Association  
Rare Epilepsy Network (REN)  
Research!America  
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation  
Rhode Island Public Health Association  
Safe States Alliance

Scleroderma Foundation  
SHAPE America - Society of Health and Physical Educators  
SLC6A1 Connect  
Sleep Research Society  
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine  
Spina Bifida Association  
STXBP1 Foundation  
Susan G. Komen  
SynGAP Research Fund  
Tennessee Public Health Association  
The AIDS Institute  
The Gerontological Society of America  
The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America  
The Society for Public Health Education  
The Trevor Project  
Tourette Association of America  
Trust for America's Health  
Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance  
U.S. Hereditary Angioedema Association  
United for Charitable Assistance  
United Ostomy Associations of America  
US Hereditary Angioedema Association  
Utah Public Health Association  
Vermont Public Health Association  
Washington State Public Health Association  
Whitman-Walker Institute  
Wisconsin Public Health Association  
Wishes for Elliott/DEE-P Connections  
Wyoming Public Health Association  
YMCA of the USA

Cc: The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
The Honorable Charles Schumer  
The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
The Honorable Richard Shelby  
The Honorable Kay Granger