

# CDC Coalition

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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,  
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Washington, DC 20515

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

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

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

The undersigned 171 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 2025 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies appropriations bill**. This amount matches our coalition's request in FY 2024 and the amount President Biden included in his FY 2024 budget request to Congress. Strong funding for CDC is critical to supporting all of CDC's activities and programs. However, due to years of underfunding, many of CDC's most effective prevention programs are not reaching all states and communities. In addition, our organizations will strongly oppose any efforts to cut funding for the agency's programs or attach damaging policy riders to the bill, both of which would threaten the health and wellbeing of communities in every state.

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 lead role in the detection and mitigation of the COVID-19 pandemic in the U.S. and globally, to monitoring and investigating the measles, mpox 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 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, tuberculosis and hepatitis 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 nearly 80% of CDC's base budget supports public health and prevention activities through state, tribal, local and territorial 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 include at least \$11.581 billion for CDC's programs in the FY 2025 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies appropriations bill.**

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,

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Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics  
AcademyHealth  
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AIDS Alabama  
Alabama Public Health Association  
Allergy & Asthma Network  
Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments  
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 Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine  
American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges  
American Association on Health and Disability  
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network  
American College of Clinical Pharmacy  
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
American College of Physicians  
American College of Preventive Medicine  
American Dental Education Association  
American Heart Association  
American Lung Association  
American Physical Therapy Association  
American Public Health Association  
American School Health Association  
American Society for Clinical Pathology  
American Society for Microbiology  
American Society of Hematology  
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene  
American Statistical Association  
Arizona Public Health Association  
Arthritis Foundation  
Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum  
Association for Diagnostics & Laboratory Medicine  
Association for Prevention Teaching and Research  
Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Association of Clinicians for the Underserved (ACU)  
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs  
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  
Big Cities Health Coalition  
Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids  
Children's Environmental Health Network  
Children's Hospital Association  
Choose Healthy Life  
Colorado Public Health Association  
Colorado Public Health Association  
Cooley's Anemia Foundation  
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation  
Delaware Academy of Medicine/Delaware Public Health Association  
Delta Mosquito and Vector Control District  
Dystonia Advocacy Network  
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation  
Endocrine Society

Entomological Society of America  
Epilepsy Foundation  
Faces and Voices of Recovery  
Florida Public Health Association  
GBS|CIDP Foundation International  
Georgia AIDS Coalition  
Georgia Mosquito Control Association  
Global Health Council  
Global Health Technologies Coalition  
Good Days  
Green & Healthy Homes Initiative  
Hawaii Public Health Association  
Health Resources in Action  
Healthy Teen Network  
Hep B United  
Hepatitis B Foundation  
Hereditary Angioedema Association  
HIV + Hepatitis Policy Institute  
HIV Medicine Association  
Hope Charities  
Illinois Public Health Association  
Indiana Public Health Association  
Infectious Diseases Society of America  
International WELL Building Institute  
Interstitial Cystitis Association  
Iowa Public Health Association  
Johns Hopkins University & Medicine  
Kansas Public Health Association  
Lakeshore Foundation  
Lee County Mosquito Control District  
Maine Public Health Association  
Maryland Public Health Association  
Massachusetts Public Health Association  
Medical Students for a Sustainable Future (MS4SF)  
METAvivor  
Michigan Mosquito Control Association  
Michigan Public Health Association  
Minnesota Public Health Association  
Missouri Public Health Association  
Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California  
Naphsis  
NASTAD  
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research  
National Association of County and City Health Officials  
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners  
National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials  
National Athletic Trainers' Association  
National Behavioral Health Association of Providers  
National Coalition of STD Directors

National Eczema Association  
National Environmental Health Association  
National League for Nursing  
National Network of Public Health Institutes  
National Pancreas Foundation  
National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA)  
National Rural Health Association  
National Safety Council  
National Tuberculosis Coalition of America, Inc.  
NC Public Health Association  
Nevada Public Health Association  
New Hampshire Public Health Association  
New Jersey Mosquito Control Association  
New Jersey Public Health Association  
New Jersey State Mosquito Control Commission  
New York State Public Health Association  
NEWVEC -- New England Center of Excellence in Vector-borne Disease  
Northeast Regional Center for Excellence in Vector-Borne Diseases  
Ohio Public Health Association  
Pacific Southwest Center of Excellence in Vector-Borne Diseases  
Pennsylvania Public Health Association  
Platelet Disorder Support Association  
Population Association of America  
Prevent Blindness  
Prevention Institute  
Project Sleep  
Public Health Accreditation Board  
Public Health Association of Nebraska  
Public Health Institute  
Pulmonary Hypertension Association  
Research!America  
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation  
Rockies and High Plains Vector Borne Diseases Training and Evaluation Center (RaHP VEC)  
Safe States Alliance  
SHAPE America - Society of Health and Physical Educators  
Sleep Research Society  
Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America  
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine  
Society for Public Health Education  
Society for Vector Ecology  
Society for Women's Health Research  
South Carolina Public Health Association  
South Dakota Public Health Association (SDPHA)  
Southeastern Center of Excellence in Vector-Borne Diseases  
Spina Bifida Association  
Susan G. Komen  
Tennessee Public Health Association  
The AIDS Institute  
The Alzheimer's Association and Alzheimer's Impact Movement

The Coalition of Skin Diseases  
The District of Columbia Public Health Association  
The Task Force for Global Health  
Tourette Association of America  
Trust for America's Health  
Utah Public Health Association  
Vaccinate Your Family  
Vermont Public Health Association  
wAIHA Warriors  
Washington State Public Health Association  
Wisconsin Public Health Association  
YMCA of the USA

cc: Members of the House and Senate Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and  
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