

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

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

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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

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

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