



May 13, 2025

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Chair
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human
Services, Education and Related Agencies
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human
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The Honorable Robert Aderholt
Chairman
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human
Services, Education and Related Agencies
U.S. House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human
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U.S. House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

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

On behalf of the 69 undersigned organizations, we are writing to express our strong opposition to the President's fiscal year 2026 budget proposal that would eliminate the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This proposal undermines the Secretary of Health and Human Services' (HHS) stated goal to measurably reduce chronic disease in America.

Together, our organizations represent and advocate for millions of patients, consumers and others who face serious, acute, and chronic health conditions. The CDC was originally tasked with the surveillance, detection, and prevention of communicable diseases, which were the most pressing public health issues of that time. It has since evolved to also address the nation's current greatest public health challenge: non-communicable diseases. Chronic diseases such as heart disease,

cancer, chronic lung diseases, stroke, Alzheimer's, and diabetes account for seven of the 10 leading causes of death in America, and for more than 90% of our nation's healthcare costs. Addressing these conditions must remain a core function at CDC.

The administration's reduction in force efforts have already led to the elimination of critical programs within NCCDPHP, including the Office on Smoking and Health, and invaluable programs including Arthritis, Alzheimer's, Chronic Disease Education and Awareness and Epilepsy. CDC's largest investment in the health of American Indians and Alaskan Natives, the Healthy Tribes program, was eliminated, in addition to the National Asthma Control Program and the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. Our organizations urge Congress to restore all of these.

The burden of chronic diseases is growing faster than our ability to slow it, putting an increasing strain on the health care system, health care costs, our productivity, educational outcomes, military readiness, and well-being. Investments in public health and prevention efforts are essential to improving the nation's health status, reducing healthcare costs, and maintaining a strong, ready and productive nation. The programs within the CDC's NCCDPHP work with states and territories to prevent disease, detect it early, and manage it effectively – delivering measurable returns on investment while saving lives.

Our organizations are united in our long-standing support of CDC's NCCDPHP as a key pillar of our nation's public health system. Eliminating the NCCDPHP would destabilize public health systems at every level and jeopardize decades of progress. CDC's chronic disease activities and programs are crucial for state and local public health departments, to which 75% of all CDC dollars go, all of which play an essential role in protecting the public's health in our communities.

We call on Congress to reject the proposed elimination of the NCCDPHP and ask instead that the Congress restore the programs that were previously eliminated, maintain the NCCDPHP and invest in chronic disease prevention at CDC. We also urge you to prevent any further delays, reductions, eliminations, and impoundments of appropriated funding for these programs. Our organizations stand with you in the efforts to build a healthier nation.

Sincerely,

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American Association of Colleges of
Nursing
American Association of Neuromuscular
& Electrodiagnostic Medicine
American Cancer Society Cancer Action
Network
American Clinical Neurophysiology
Society (ACNS)
American College of Gastroenterology
American Gastroenterological
Association
American Heart Association
American Lung Association
Arthritis Foundation

Association of Minority Health
Professions Schools
Big Cities Health Coalition
Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids
Celiac Disease Foundation
CFC International
Child Neurology Foundation
Coalition to Cure CHD2
Coalition to Transform Clinical Trial
Engagement
Color of Gastrointestinal Illnesses (COGI)
Community Liver Alliance
CureSHANK
Danny Did Epilepsy Foundation
Digestive Disease National Coalition

Endocrine Society
Epilepsies Action Network (EAN)
Epilepsy Alliance America
Epilepsy Foundation of America
Epilepsy Services of New Jersey
Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research
GABA-A Alliance
Global Liver Institute
GO2 for Lung Cancer
Good Days
GRIN2B Foundation
Head for the Cure
Hope Charities
Hope for HIE
Hope for Hypothalamic Hamartomas
Interstitial Cystitis Association of America
LUNgevity Foundation
Lupus and Allied Diseases Association,
Inc.
Lymphatic Education & Research
Network
Mission MSA
National Association of Pediatric Nurse
Practitioners
National Complete Streets Coalition
National Eczema Association

National League for Nursing
National Minority Health Association
Oley Foundation
Partners Against Mortality in Epilepsy
(PAME)
Pediatric Epilepsy Research Consortium
Periodic Paralysis Association
Phelan-McDermid Syndrome Foundation
Prevent Blindness
Project CASK
Project Sleep
Rare Epilepsy Network Coordinating
Committee
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation
SLC6A1 Connect
Sleep Health and Wellness Center
Sleep Research Society
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The National Pancreas Foundation
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