

CDC Coalition

Sept. 27, 2024

U.S House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

The undersigned 136 members of the CDC Coalition and other supporting state, national and academic organizations write to express our strong opposition to the \$1.8 billion (22%) cut to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention proposed in the House FY 2025 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies appropriations bill. Our organizations urge the House to reject this bill that severely undercuts public health. Instead, we urge you to work in a bipartisan manner to develop a final bill that contains robust funding for the agency and rejects controversial policy riders. Due to years of underfunding, many of CDC's most effective prevention programs are not reaching all states and communities, and the House bill as currently drafted will only exacerbate this problem.

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. CDC programs protect the nation from public health threats including the current multi-state Listeria outbreak linked to sliced deli meats, the 13 reported measles outbreaks we have seen this year, and many other health threats that could impact any state and congressional district.

The House bill would eliminate funding for numerous CDC programs that are critical to combating chronic diseases, improving emergency preparedness and response, preventing injury and violence, ensuring workplace safety, protecting the public from environmental health threats and addressing the HIV/AIDS epidemic among others. Specifically, the bill would eliminate or drastically reduce funding for the following:

- Eliminates funding for the Center for Forecasting and Analytics, which enables more effective infectious disease outbreak responses through next-generation forecasting tools;
- Eliminates funding for CDC's Injury Prevention and Control Center in its entirety, including the Suicide Prevention program, Opioid Overdose Prevention and Surveillance activities, Firearm Injury and Mortality Prevention Research, programs to address adverse childhood experiences, domestic violence, drowning prevention and other programs that work to reduce injuries and deaths in our communities;
- Eliminates funding for the Tobacco Prevention and Control program, which helps states prevent youth vaping and saves lives by addressing one of the leading causes of preventable death;

- Eliminates funding for the Ending the HIV Epidemic Initiative and the Global HIV/AIDS programs;
- Eliminates funding for the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant program that provides states and localities with flexible funding to address their own unique health challenges;
- Eliminates funding for the Climate and Health and Environmental Health Tracking programs, which are critical to ensuring our nation's readiness to address the health impacts of extreme weather events and wildfires;
- Eliminates funding for the School Health program that works to prevent HIV, STIs and unintended pregnancies among youth;
- Eliminates funding for Prevention Research Centers that conduct research to help communities prevent chronic diseases; and
- Drastically cuts funding for Occupational Safety and Health Research and Environmental Health Laboratory programs.

These cuts would be devastating to communities across the country – especially to state, local, tribal and territorial public health infrastructure and workforce. Currently, nearly 80% CDC's base budget goes to state, tribal, local and territorial health organizations and agencies, national public health partners, community-based organizations and academic institutions across the nation to support public health and prevention activities. We strongly urge you to reject these proposed cuts and to provide CDC with the robust funding it needs to keep our communities healthy and safe from the many health threats and challenges we currently face and from future public health emergencies. A strong CDC is essential to building public trust and improving and protecting the health of all our communities.

Thank you for your attention to our concerns with the House FY 2025 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies appropriations bill. Please contact Don Hoppert at donald.hoppert@apha.org or 202-777-2514 with any questions regarding our views.

Sincerely,

American Lung Association
 Alliance for Headache Disorders Advocacy
 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 Pharmacy (AACCP)
 American Association on Health and Disability
 American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN)
 American College of Chest Physicians
 American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
 American College of Physicians
 American College of Preventive Medicine
 American Heart Association
 American Liver Foundation
 American Medical Women's Association
 American Nurses Association

American Psychological Association Services
American Public Health Association
American Sexual Health Association
American Sexually Transmitted Diseases Association (ASTDA)
American Society for Clinical Pathology
American Society for Microbiology
American Society of Hematology
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
American Statistical Association
American Thoracic Society
American Trauma Society
Arizona Public Health Association
Association for Diagnostics and Laboratory Medicine
Association for Prevention Teaching and Research
Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs
Association of Public Health Laboratories
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health
Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
Association of State Public Health Nutritionists
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America
Big Cities Health Coalition
Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids
Center for Advocacy for the Rights and Interests of Elders (CARIE)
Children's Environmental Health Network
Climate Psychiatry Alliance
Colorado Public Health Association
Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics
Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Delaware Academy of Medicine/Delaware Public Health Association
District of Columbia Public Health Association
Endocrine Society
Entomological Society of America
Epilepsy Foundation
Faces and Voices of Recovery
Florida Public Health Association
Foundation for Healthy Generations
Futures Without Violence
Georgia Public Health Association
Gerontological Society of America
GLMA: Health Professionals Advancing LGBTQ+ Equality
GO2 For Lung Cancer
Green & Healthy Homes Initiative
Hawaii Public Health Association
Health by Design
Health Resources in Action
Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS)
Healthy Teen Network

HIV Medicine Association
HIV+Hepatitis Policy Institute
IC&RC
Illinois Public Health Association
Illinois State Alliance of YMCAs
Illinois-Henry and Stark County Health Department
Indiana Public Health Association
Infectious Diseases Society of America
International WELL Building Institute
Iowa Public Health Association
Johns Hopkins University & Medicine
Kansas Public Health Association
Kids In Danger
Lakeshore Foundation
Lasker Foundation
Maine Public Health Association
March of Dimes
Maryland Health Professionals for a Healthy Climate
Maryland Public Health Association
Michigan Public Association
Minnesota Public Health Association
Mississippi Public Health Association
Missouri Public Health Association
Naphsis
NASTAD
National Alliance to End Sexual Violence
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 Center for Healthy Housing
National Coalition of STD Directors
National Environmental Health Association
National Forum for Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention
National League for Nursing
National Network of Public Health Institutes
National Safety Council
National Tuberculosis Coalition of America
NC Public Health Association
Nevada Public Health Association
New Hampshire Public Health Association
New Jersey Public Health Association
Ohio Public Health Association
Overdose Prevention Initiative at the Global Health Advocacy Incubator
Pennsylvania Public Health Association
Prevent Blindness
Prevention Institute
Public Health Institute
Research!America

Rhode Island Public Health Association
Safe States Alliance
SHAPE America - Society of Health and Physical Educators
Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine
Society for Public Health Education
South Dakota Public Health Association (SDPHA)
Southern California Public Health Association (SCPHA)
Spina Bifida Association
The AIDS Institute
Tourette Association of America
Trust for America's Health
U.S. Breastfeeding Committee
UsAgainstAlzheimer's
Utah Public Health Association
Vaccinate Your Family
Vermont Public Health Association
Washington State Public Health Association
Well-being and Equity (WE) in the World
Wisconsin Public Health Association
YMCA of the USA

Cc: The Honorable Tom Cole
The Honorable Rosa DeLauro