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Washington, DC 20510

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The 532 undersigned education, training, disability, public health, medical research, patient advocacy, women's, children's, civil rights, anti-poverty, faith and labor organizations respectfully urge you to recognize health, education, job training, children's and social services programs as critical national priorities as you determine the final 302(b) allocations for the FY 2012 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations bills. Additional investment in these domestic programs will boost the economy and reduce the deficit through prevention of costly chronic diseases, increased earnings, and reduced expenditures for unemployment and other social service programs.

Health, education, job training, children's and social services programs are continually asked to do more with less. These domestic programs have experienced significant erosion over the past several years despite their important role in keeping Americans healthy, productive, competitive, and secure. As a result, America's status as a global superpower has been compromised. The Central Intelligence Agency in 2011 ranks the United States 47th in infant mortality - widely recognized as a basic indicator of a country's overall health - behind even some developing countries. America is also falling behind our industrialized counterparts in academic achievement. Scores from the 2009 Program for International Student Assessment showed that U.S. 15-year-olds ranked 20th in science and 30th in math. Our nation still faces large and unacceptable gaps by race and socioeconomic status in student achievement, high school graduation and college attendance and completion rates.

With the enactment of the Budget Control Act, the FY 2012 discretionary spending cap for non security programs is some \$3 billion below the FY 2011 Continuing Resolution level. While the Senate has not yet made 302(b) allocations, we strongly oppose the House subcommittee allocation, which is \$18 billion or 11.6 percent below the FY 2011 level.

We urge you to set a final 302(b) allocation to the Labor-HHS-Education subcommittee that recognizes the value of health, education, job training, children's and social services in improving the lives of American families and strengthening our nation's global position. These programs should be protected from further cuts that would have profound consequences on our nation's global competitiveness and our capacity to address the needs of the most vulnerable.

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Cc: Members, House and Senate Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittees

Sincerely,

1. 9to5, National Association of Working Women
2. Academy of General Dentistry
3. Academy of Radiology Research
4. AcademyHealth
5. ACMHA: The College for Behavioral Health Leadership
6. Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research
7. ADAPTE International
8. Adult Congenital Heart Association
9. Advocates for Youth
10. Afterschool Alliance
11. AHEPA Cooley's Anemia Foundation
12. AIDS Action Baltimore, Inc.
13. AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth & Families
14. AIDS Foundation of Chicago
15. AIDS Project Los Angeles
16. AIDS Services Foundation Orange County
17. AIDS United
18. Alliance for a Just Society
19. Alliance for Aging Research
20. Alliance for Global Justice
21. Alliance of the American Dental Association
22. Alliance of the Georgia Dental Association
23. Alpha-1 Association
24. Alpha-1 Foundation
25. Alzheimer's Association
26. American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology
27. American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP)
28. American Academy of Dermatology Association
29. American Academy of Family Physicians
30. American Academy of Neurology
31. American Academy of Nursing
32. American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology
33. American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
34. American Academy of Pediatrics
35. American Academy of Periodontology
36. American Art Therapy Association
37. American Association for Dental Research
38. American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry (AAGP)
39. American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy
40. American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC)
41. American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases
42. American Association of Anatomists
43. American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
44. American Association of Colleges of Nursing
45. American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine
46. American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
47. American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine
48. American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO)
49. American Association of Immunologists

50. American Association of Nurse Assessment Coordinators
51. American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons
52. American Association of Public Health Dentistry
53. American Association of School Administrators
54. American Association of University Women (AAUW)
55. American Association on Health and Disability (AAHD)
56. American Brain Coalition
57. American College of Cardiology
58. American College of Clinical Pharmacy
59. American College of Neuropsychopharmacology
60. American College of Physicians
61. American College of Preventive Medicine
62. American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL)
63. American Counseling Association
64. American Dental Association
65. American Dental Hygienists' Association
66. American Diabetes Association
67. American Dietetic Association
68. American Educational Research Association (AERA)
69. American Epilepsy Society
70. American Federation of School Administrators
71. American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)
72. American Federation of Teachers
73. American Foundation for Suicide Prevention/SPAN USA
74. American Gastroenterological Association
75. American Heart Association
76. American Holistic Nurses Association (AHNA)
77. American Hospital Association
78. American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE)
79. American Lung Association
80. American Medical Student Association (AMSA)
81. American Medical Women's Association
82. American Mental Health Counselors Association
83. American Music Therapy Association
84. American Nurses Association
85. American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE)
86. American Physical Therapy Association
87. American Physiological Society
88. American Podiatric Medical Association
89. American Psychiatric Association
90. American Psychological Association
91. American Public Health Association
92. American School Counselor Association (ASCA)
93. American School Health Association
94. American Sleep Apnea Association
95. American Social Health Association
96. American Society for Bone and Mineral Research
97. American Society for Cell Biology
98. American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS)
99. American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP)
100. American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy

101. American Society for Microbiology
102. American Society for Nutrition
103. American Society for Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics
104. American Society for Reproductive Medicine
105. American Society of Hematology
106. American Society of Human Genetics
107. American Society of Nephrology
108. American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses (ASPAN)
109. American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
110. American Sociological Association
111. American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
112. American Statistical Association
113. American Thoracic Society
114. American Tinnitus Association
115. American Urogynecologic Society
116. amfAR, The Foundation for AIDS Research
117. Arthritis Foundation
118. Asian American Justice Center, member of Asian American Center for Advancing Justice
119. Association for Career and Technical Education
120. Association for Clinical Research Training (ACRT)
121. Association for Patient-Oriented Research (APOR)
122. Association for Prevention Teaching and Research
123. Association for Psychological Science
124. Association for Radiologic & Imaging Nursing
125. Association for Research in Otolaryngology
126. Association for Research in Vision & Ophthalmology (ARVO)
127. Association of Academic Health Centers
128. Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries (AAHSL)
129. Association of American Medical Colleges
130. Association of American Universities
131. Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges
132. Association of Clinicians for the Underserved (ACU)
133. Association of Community College Trustees
134. Association of Community Health Nursing Educators (ACHNE)
135. Association of Education Service Agencies
136. Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs
137. Association of Minority Health Professions Schools
138. Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU)
139. Association of Public Health Laboratories
140. Association of Rehabilitation Nurses
141. Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO)
142. Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry
143. Association of State & Territorial Public Health Nutrition Directors
144. Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors
145. Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
146. Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD)
147. Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses
148. Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America
149. Autism National Committee (AutCom)
150. Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law
151. Biophysical Society

152. Blood & Marrow Transplant Information Network
153. Boston Public Health Commission
154. Boys Town National Research Hospital
155. California Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors (CAADAC)
156. California Educational Technology Professionals Association
157. California Foundation for the Advancement of Addiction Professionals (CFAAP)
158. California Institute for Mental Health
159. Campaign for Public Health
160. Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids
161. Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine
162. Cedars-Sinai Medical Center
163. Center for Civic Education
164. Center for Clinical Social Work/ABE
165. Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)
166. Center for Science in the Public Interest
167. CEPTA, Inc.
168. Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science
169. Child Welfare League of America (CWLA)
170. Children's Environmental Health Network
171. Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation
172. Chronic Fatigue and Immune Dysfunction Syndrome Association of America (CFIDS)
173. Cities for Progress, Institute for Policy Studies
174. Cities Insurance Association of Washington (CIAW)
175. Clinical Research Forum (CR Forum)
176. Clinical Social Work Association (CSWA)
177. Coalition for Community Schools
178. Coalition for Health Funding
179. Coalition for Health Services Research
180. Coalition for Imaging and Bioengineering Research
181. Coalition for the Advancement of Health Through Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (CAHT-BSSR)
182. Coalition for the Life Sciences
183. Coalition of Higher Education Assistance Organizations (COHEAO)
184. Coalition of National Health Education Organizations
185. Coalition on Human Needs
186. Coalition to Protect Research (CPR)
187. CODEPINK: Women for Peace
188. College Board
189. Columbia University
190. Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service
191. Committee for Education Funding
192. CommonHealth ACTION
193. Community Action Partnership
194. Community Health Outreach Work to Prevent AIDS Project (CHOW project)
195. Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf
196. Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia Research, Education and Support Foundation
197. Consortium for School Networking
198. Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA)
199. Cooley's Anemia Foundation
200. COPD Foundation
201. Corporation for Supportive Housing

202. Costello Syndrome Family Network (CSFN)
203. Council for Opportunity in Education
204. Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists
205. Council of the Great City Schools
206. Council of Women's and Infants' Specialty Hospitals
207. Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
208. County Alcohol & Drug Program Administrators Association of California (CADPAAC)
209. Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America
210. Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation
211. Daughters of Penelope (DOP)
212. Defeat Diabetes Foundation
213. Democrats for Education Reform
214. Dental Hygienists' Association of the State of New York (DHASNY)
215. Department of Pediatric Radiology
216. Detroit Medical Reserve Corps
217. Digestive Disease National Coalition
218. Direct Care Alliance
219. Directors of Health Promotion and Education
220. Duke University Health System
221. Duke University School of Medicine
222. Dystonia Medical Research Foundation
223. Early Care and Education Consortium
224. Early Childhood Investment Corporation of Michigan
225. Easter Seals
226. Education Law Center (ELC)
227. Education Trust
228. Elyria City (OHIO) Health District
229. Emergency Nurses Association
230. Emory University's Alzheimer's Disease Research Center
231. Empire Project for Oral Health
232. Endocrine Society
233. Environmental Mutagen Society (EMS)
234. Epilepsy Foundation
235. Eugene Garfield
236. Every Child Matters Education Fund
237. Fabry Support & Information Group
238. FairTest, the National Center for Fair & Open Testing, Inc.
239. FasterCures
240. FATE (Fighting Addiction through Education)
241. FED ED
242. Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB)
243. Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences
244. Fight Colorectal Cancer
245. First Five Years Fund
246. First Focus Campaign for Children
247. Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Network
248. Friends of AHRQ
249. Friends of NCHS
250. Friends of NIDA
251. Friends of SAMHSA
252. Friends of the National Institute of Dental & Craniofacial Research (FNIDCR)

253. Futures Without Violence
254. Gay & Lesbian Medical Association
255. Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC)
256. Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network
257. Genetic Alliance
258. Genetics Society of America
259. Gilda Radner Familial Ovarian Cancer Registry
260. Global Justice Institute
261. Head Injury Administrators
262. Health & Medicine Counsel of Washington
263. Health HIV
264. Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS)
265. HealthPro Solutions
266. Healthy Schools Network
267. Heart Rhythm Society
268. Hepatitis C Mentor & Support Group, Inc
269. Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia HHT Foundation International
270. Hispanic Dental Association (HAD)
271. HIV Medicine Association
272. HIV Prevention Justice Alliance (HIV-PJA)
273. Horizons for Homeless Children
274. Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association
275. Howard University Health Sciences
276. Human Rights Campaign
277. Huntington's Disease Society of America (HDSA)
278. Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition
279. In Need Of Diagnosis, Inc. (INOD)
280. Indiana Rural Health Association
281. Infectious Diseases Society of America
282. Institute for Public Health Innovation
283. Institute of Social Medicine & Community Health
284. Integrated Healthcare Policy Consortium
285. International Association of Jewish Vocational Services
286. International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC)
287. International Essential Tremor Foundation
288. International Foundation for Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders (IFFGD)
289. International Myeloma Foundation
290. International Society for Technology in Education
291. International Society of Nurses in Genetics (ISONG)
292. International Women's Health Coalition
293. Interstitial Cystitis Association (ICA)
294. Intracranial Hypertension Research Foundation
295. Jacob's Cure
296. Jeffrey Modell Foundation
297. Jobs for the Future
298. Kids with Heart National Association for Children's Heart Disorders, Inc.
299. Knowledge Alliance
300. L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center
301. Latino Coalition for a Healthy California
302. Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights
303. Leadership Services

304. League of United Latin American Citizens
305. Learning Disabilities Association of America
306. LGBT Cancer Project - Out With Cancer
307. Lighthouse International
308. Lymphangiomatosis & Gorham's Disease Alliance
309. Magnet Schools of America
310. Malecare Cancer Support
311. March of Dimes
312. Medical Library Association (MLA)
313. Meharry Medical College
314. Mended Little Hearts
315. Mental Health America
316. Mental Health America of Los Angeles
317. Metropolitan Community Churches
318. Michigan State University
319. Morehouse School of Medicine
320. Mount Sinai Medical Center
321. National AHEC Organization
322. National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research (NAEVR)
323. National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD)
324. National Alliance on Mental Illness
325. National Alopecia Areata Foundation
326. National Assembly on School-Based Health Care
327. National Association for Children's Behavioral Health
328. National Association for College Admission Counseling
329. National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC)
330. National Association for Geriatric Education
331. National Association for Geriatric Education Centers
332. National Association for Music Education
333. National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems (NAPHSIS)
334. National Association for Rural Mental Health
335. National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE)
336. National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCSPP)
337. National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth
338. National Association for the Education of Young Children
339. National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors
340. National Association of Children's Hospitals
341. National Association of Chronic Disease Directors
342. National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists
343. National Association of College Stores
344. National Association of Community Health Centers
345. National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities
346. National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)
347. National Association of County Behavioral Health & Developmental Disability Directors
348. National Association of Elementary School Principals
349. National Association of Federally Impacted Schools
350. National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH)
351. National Association of Neonatal Nurse Practitioners
352. National Association of Neonatal Nurses
353. National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health (NPWH)
354. National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA)

355. National Association of Private Special Education Centers
356. National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems
357. National Association of Social Workers
358. National Association of State Alcohol/Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD)
359. National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE)
360. National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium
361. National Association of State Directors of Special Education, Inc.
362. National Association of State Head Injury Administrators
363. National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD)
364. National Ataxia Foundation
365. National Center for Family Literacy
366. National Center for Healthy Housing
367. National Center on Family Homelessness
368. National Coalition Against Domestic Violence
369. National Coalition for Cancer Research (NCCR)
370. National Coalition for LGBT Health
371. National Coalition for Literacy
372. National Coalition for Osteoporosis and Related Bone Diseases
373. National Coalition of STD Directors
374. National Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning
375. National Council for Community and Education Partnerships (NCCEP)
376. National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare
377. National Council for Diversity in the Health Professions
378. National Council for History Education
379. National Council for Workforce Education
380. National Council of Jewish Women
381. National Council of La Raza (NCLR)
382. National Council of Teachers of English
383. National Council of Women's Organizations
384. National Dance Association
385. National Disability Rights Network
386. National Education Association
387. National Employment Law Project
388. National Endowment for Alzheimer's Research (NEAR)
389. National Fabry Disease Foundation (NFDF)
390. National Fair Housing Alliance
391. National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association
392. National Forum for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention
393. National Foundation for Mental Health
394. National Gaucher Foundation
395. National Gay and Lesbian Task Force
396. National Green and Healthy Homes Initiative
397. National Head Start Association
398. National Health Care for the Homeless Council
399. National Hemophilia Foundation
400. National Hispanic Medical Association
401. National Human Services Assembly
402. National Indian Head Start Directors Association
403. National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health
404. National Latino Behavioral Health Association (NLBHA)
405. National League for Nursing

406. National Lung Cancer Partnership
407. National Marfan Foundation
408. National Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Association
409. National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC)
410. National Multiple Sclerosis Society
411. National Network of Health Career Programs in Two-Year Colleges (NN2)
412. National Network of Public Health Institutes
413. National Nursing Centers Consortium
414. National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing (N-OADN)
415. National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD)
416. National Organization for Women
417. National Osteoporosis Foundation
418. National Parent Teacher Association
419. National Partnership for Women & Families
420. National Psoriasis Foundation
421. National Rural Education Advocacy Coalition
422. National Rural Education Association
423. National Rural Health Association
424. National School Boards Association
425. National Skills Coalition
426. National Student Nurses' Association
427. National Tay-Sachs & Allied Diseases Association, Inc. (NTSAD)
428. National Violence Prevention Network
429. National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable
430. National Women's Health Network
431. National Women's Law Center
432. Nebraska AIDS Project
433. NephCure Foundation
434. NETWORK, A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby
435. New Profit Inc.
436. New York Association of Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services
437. New York State Oral Health Coalition
438. New York State Public Health Association
439. North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition
440. Northeast Ohio Medical University
441. Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs
442. Nutrition Policy
443. Oncology Nursing Society
444. Organization for Safety, Asepsis and Prevention (OSAP)
445. Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation
446. Paget Foundation
447. Parkinson's Action Network
448. Patty Becker Associates
449. Pediatric AIDS Chicago Prevention Initiative
450. Pediatric Stroke Network, Inc.
451. Penn State College of Medicine
452. Physician Assistant Education Association
453. PKD Foundation
454. Planned Parenthood Federation of America
455. Polycystic Kidney Disease Foundation
456. Prevent Blindness America

457. Prevent Child Abuse America
458. Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association
459. Primary Ciliary Dyskinesia Foundation (PCD)
460. Project DOCC - Delivery of Chronic Care
461. Project Inform (San Francisco)
462. ProLiteracy
463. Public Education Network
464. Public Health Solutions
465. Pulmonary Hypertension Association
466. Research!America
467. RESULTS
468. RTI International
469. Rural School and Community Trust
470. Ryan White Medical Providers Coalition
471. SADS Foundation
472. Safe States Alliance
473. San Francisco Hepatitis C Task Force
474. Save the Children
475. School Social Work Association of America
476. Scleroderma Foundation
477. Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
478. Severe Combined Immunodeficiency Disease, Angels for Life Foundation (SCID)
479. Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS)
480. Sisters of Mercy Institute Justice Team
481. Sjögren's Syndrome Foundation
482. Sleep Research Society
483. Society for Clinical and Translational Science (SCTS)
484. Society for Gynecologic Oncology
485. Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine
486. Society for Medical Decision Making
487. Society for Neuroscience
488. Society for Public Health Education
489. Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI)
490. Society for Women's Health Research (SWHR)
491. Society of Hospital Medicine
492. Society of State Leaders of Health and Physical Education
493. SPARK/ School Specialty
494. Special Olympics International
495. Spina Bifida Association
496. State Educational Technology Directors Association (SETDA)
497. Sturge-Weber Foundation
498. Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes (SADS) Foundation
499. Sudden Cardiac Arrest Association
500. Sugar Law Center for Economic and Social Justice
501. Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
502. Teratology Society
503. Tethys Bioscience, Inc.
504. The Arc
505. TMJ Association
506. Tourette Syndrome Association, Inc.
507. Treatment Action Group (TAG)

- 508. Treatment Communities of America
- 509. Tremor Action Network
- 510. Trust for America's Health
- 511. Turner Syndrome Foundation, Inc.
- 512. U.S. Labor Against the War (USLAW)
- 513. United Church of Christ Justice & Witness Ministries
- 514. United for Medical Research
- 515. United Negro College Fund (UNCF)
- 516. United Spinal Association
- 517. University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
- 518. University of Utah Health Sciences
- 519. US Hereditary Angioedema Association (USHAEA)
- 520. US Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association (USPRA)
- 521. VALUEUSA
- 522. VillageCare
- 523. Virginia Association of Community Services Boards (VACSB)
- 524. Voices for America's Children
- 525. Washington Partners, LLC
- 526. Washington State Association of Head Start & ECEAP
- 527. Wider Opportunities for Women
- 528. WomenHeart: The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease
- 529. Women's Research & Education Institute
- 530. YMCA of the USA
- 531. Young Invincibles
- 532. YWCA of the USA