

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,
Education, and Related Agencies
Washington, DC 20515

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

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

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

The undersigned 124 members of the CDC Coalition and other supporting state, national, and academic organizations write to express our strong opposition to the more than \$1.77 billion cut to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention proposed in the House FY 2026 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies appropriations bill. Our organizations urge you to reject the cuts in the House bill that would severely undermine critical public health programs. Instead, we ask that you follow the Senate's lead and work in a bipartisan manner to develop a final FY 2026 bill that provides robust funding for the agency's many critical programs, recognizes those programs supported with increases in either the House or Senate bills, 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 further cuts to these programs 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 top priorities 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, local and community-based programs. CDC programs protect the nation from public health threats, including the current multi-state measles outbreaks, which have resulted in three deaths and 1,648 confirmed cases in the U.S. across 42 jurisdictions so far 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, preventing injury and violence, ensuring workplace safety, protecting the public from heat waves, wildfires and other extreme weather events, and

addressing the domestic and global HIV/AIDS epidemic, among others. Specifically, the bill would eliminate or drastically reduce funding for the following:

- 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 all funding for the Domestic HIV Prevention and Research program, the Ending the HIV Epidemic Initiative and the Global HIV/AIDS program;
- 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 CDC's gun violence prevention research, which has been funded in a bipartisan manner at \$12.5 million for the last five years.
- Eliminates funding for the Climate and Health program, which is critical to ensuring our nation's readiness to address the health impacts of extreme weather events and wildfires;
- Eliminates funding for adolescent and school health programs that are proven to reduce risk behaviors and improve mental health among youth;
- Eliminates funding for Prevention Research Centers that conduct research to help communities prevent chronic diseases;
- Eliminates funding for the Racial and Ethnic Approach to Community Health program;
- Eliminates funding for Global Vaccine Preventable Diseases; and
- Cuts funding for occupational safety and health research.

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% of CDC's domestic budget is allocated 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, sustain the increases allocated in the House and Senate bills, and 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 support for a strong bipartisan effort to adequately fund CDC and its programs in any final FY 2026 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies appropriations bill. You may contact Don Hoppert at donald.hoppert@apha.org or 202-777-2514 with any questions regarding our views.

Sincerely,

Accessia Health
Alaska Public Health Association
Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine (AAIM)
American Academy of Family Physicians
American Academy of Nursing
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Association of Colleges of Nursing

American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACCP)
American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges
American Association on Health and Disability
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American College of Chest Physicians
American College of Clinical Pharmacy
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American College of Osteopathic Internists
American College of Physicians
American Heart Association
American Lung Association
American Psychological Association Services
American Public Health Association
American Society for Clinical Pathology
American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy
American Society for Microbiology
American Society of Hematology
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene
American Thoracic Society
Arkansas Public Health Association
Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF)
Association for Prevention Teaching and Research
Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC)
Association of American Medical Colleges
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools
Association of Public Health Laboratories
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
Choose Healthy Life
Climate Psychiatry Alliance
Coalition for Clinical and Translational Science
Connecticut Public Health Association
Connecticut SOPHE
Crohn's & Colitis Foundation
DC Public Health Association
Delaware Academy of Medicine and Public Health
Digestive Disease National Coalition
Doctors for America
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation
Endocrine Society
Entomological Society of America
Farmington Valley Health District
Fight Colorectal Cancer
Florida Public Health Association

For Our Health
Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research
Georgia Public Health Association
Global Liver Institute
GO2 for Lung Cancer
Green & Healthy Homes Initiative
Hawaii Public Health Association
Health Resources in Action
Healthy Teen Network
Heluna Health
HIV+Hepatitis Policy Institute
Illinois Public Health Association
Infectious Diseases Society of America
International WELL Building Institute
Interstitial Cystitis Association
Iowa Public Health Association
Lakeshore Foundation
Louisiana Mosquito Control Association
Louisiana Public Health Association
Lymphatic Education & Research Network
Maine Public Health Association
Medical Students for a Sustainable Future
Michigan Public Health Association
Minnesota Public Health Association
Mission MSA
Montana Public Health Association
NASTAD
National Association of County and City Health Officials
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
National Center for Healthy Housing
National Eczema Association
National Environmental Health Association
National Forum for Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention
National League for Nursing
National Network of Public Health Institutes
National Safety Council
New Jersey Public Health Association (NJPHA)
New York State Public Health Association
North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition
North Dakota
Northeast Regional Center for Excellence in Vector-Borne Diseases
Nutrition and Medical Foods Coalition
Oklahoma Public Health Association
Parkinson's Foundation
Pennsylvania Public Health Association
Prevent Blindness
Prevention Institute
Public Health Foundation
Pulmonary Hypertension Association

Research!America
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation
Safe States Alliance
Shatterproof
Sleep Research Society
Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine
Society for Public Health Education
Southeastern Center of Excellence in Vector Borne Disease
Southern California Public Health Association
Tennessee Public Health Association
The AIDS Institute
The National Pancreas Foundation
Tourette Association of America
Trust for America's Health
Virginia Public Health Association
wAIHA Warriors
Washington State Public Health Association
Wyoming Public Health Association

Cc: The Honorable Tom Cole
The Honorable Patty Murray
The Honorable Susan Collins