

# CDC Coalition

November 30, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chair  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
Chair  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Shelby  
Vice Chair  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro, Chairman Leahy, Ranking Member Granger and Vice Chairman Shelby:

The undersigned 140 members of the CDC Coalition and other supporting state and national organizations urge you to include at least the House-passed level of **\$10.5 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's programs in any final FY 2022 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies appropriations bill**. We truly appreciate your support for CDC and for the significant increases provided in both the House and Senate versions of the FY 2022 appropriations bill. Strong funding for CDC is critical to supporting all of CDC's activities and programs, which are essential to protect the health of our communities. Due to years of underfunding, many CDC programs have not received the funding that is 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. We also believe that it is critical for Congress to quickly finalize the FY 2022 appropriations process to avoid lengthy continuing resolutions that bring uncertainty and make it more difficult for the agency and its grantees to protect the public's health.

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, 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 playing a lead role in the control of Ebola in West Africa and the Democratic Republic of the Congo to monitoring, investigating and helping to control the recent measles outbreaks in the U.S., to pandemic flu preparedness, CDC is the nation's – and a global – expert resource and response center, coordinating communications and action and serving as the laboratory reference center. States, communities and international partners rely on

CDC for accurate information, direction and resources to ensure they continue to be prepared for and able to respond to and recover from a crisis or outbreak.

While CDC is playing a leading role in protecting the public's health from COVID-19, it is faced with many other unprecedented challenges and responsibilities ranging from chronic disease prevention to combating the opioid, tobacco, e-cigarette and obesity epidemics to emergency preparedness. CDC funds programs for injury control; research into gun violence prevention; global health security; health promotion in schools and workplaces; the prevention of diabetes, heart disease, stroke, cancer, lung disease and other chronic diseases; tobacco prevention and control; nutrition and physical activity; immunizations; HIV, STI and hepatitis prevention; prevention of vector-borne diseases; environmental health, including the prevention of childhood lead poisoning and protecting the public from the health impacts of climate change; oral health; reducing health disparities; preventing infant mortality and birth defects; sickle cell disease data collection; preventing antimicrobial resistance; preventing prescription drug overdose; improving the health and quality of life of individuals with disabilities; Alzheimer's disease prevention and awareness; vision and eye health and public health research and health statistics. It is notable that more than 70% of CDC's budget supports public health and prevention activities through state and local health organizations and agencies, national public health partners and academic institutions.

In addition to ensuring a strong public health infrastructure and protecting our communities from public health threats and emergencies, CDC programs are crucial to reducing health care costs and improving health. Despite the progress CDC has made to meet these needs, the agency's programs have been woefully underfunded. **We urge you to include at least \$10.5 billion for CDC's programs in any final FY 2022 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies appropriations bill.**

Please contact Don Hoppert at [donald.hoppert@apha.org](mailto:donald.hoppert@apha.org) or 202-777-2514 with any questions regarding our request.

Sincerely,

AANS/CNS Joint Section on Neurotrauma & Critical Care  
AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery  
AIDS United  
Allergy & Asthma Network  
American Academy of Family Physicians  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Association for Clinical Chemistry  
American Association of Colleges of Nursing  
American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine  
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy  
American Association of Neurological Surgeons  
American Association on Health and Disability  
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
American College of Physicians  
American Dental Hygienists' Association  
American Heart Association  
American Liver Foundation

American Lung Association  
American Medical Women's Association (AMWA)  
American Physical Therapy Association  
American Public Health Association  
American School Health Association  
American Society for Clinical Pathology  
American Society for Microbiology  
American Society for Reproductive Medicine  
American Society of Hematology  
American Society of Pediatric Neurosurgeons  
American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene  
American Thoracic Society  
American Trauma Society  
Arizona Public Health Association  
Arthritis Foundation  
Association for Clinical and Translational Science  
Association for Prevention Teaching and Research  
Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs  
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools (AMHPS)  
Association of Public Health Laboratories  
Association of Schools Advancing Health Professions  
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health  
Association of State and Territorial Health Officials  
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America  
Big Cities Health Coalition  
Children's Environmental Health Network  
Clinical Research Forum  
Coalition for Clinical and Translational Science  
Coalition of National Health Education Organizations  
Colorado Public Health Association  
Congress of Neurological Surgeons  
Consortium of Social Science Associations  
Cooley's Anemia Foundation  
Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists  
Covering Kids & Families of Indiana  
Delaware Academy of Medicine / Delaware Public Health Association  
Digestive Disease National Coalition  
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation  
Endocrine Society  
Entomological Society of America  
Epilepsy Foundation  
Eta Sigma Gamma, Inc  
Florida Public Health Association  
GBS|CIDP Foundation International  
GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer  
Green & Healthy Homes Initiative  
Health Care Without Harm

Hepatitis B Foundation  
HIV+Hepatitis Policy Institute  
Illinois Public Health Association  
Indiana Public Health Association  
International Association of Forensic Nurses  
International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC)  
International Foundation for Gastrointestinal Disorders  
Interstitial Cystitis Association  
Jeffrey Modell Foundation  
Kansas Public Health Association  
Lakeshore Foundation  
Louisiana Public Health Association  
Lymphatic Education & Research Network  
Maine Public Health Association  
METAvivor  
Michigan Public Health Association  
Minnesota Public Health Association  
Missouri Public Health Association  
Montana Public Health Association  
Morehouse School of Medicine  
NASTAD  
National Alopecia Areata Foundation  
National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems  
National Association of County and City Health Officials  
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners  
National Center for Healthy Housing  
National Eczema Association  
National Fragile X Foundation  
National League for Nursing  
National Pancreas Foundation  
National Safety Council  
National Tuberculosis Controllers Association  
National WIC Association  
North Carolina Public Health Association  
NephCure Kidney International  
Nevada Public Health Association  
New Hampshire Public Health Association  
New Mexico Public Health Association  
New York State Public Health Association  
North Dakota Public Health Association  
Patient Services, Inc.  
Pennsylvania Public Health Association  
Physicians for Social Responsibility  
Prevention Institute  
Project Sleep  
Public Health Institute  
Pulmonary Hypertension Association  
Research!America  
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation

Safe States Alliance  
Scleroderma Foundation  
SHAPE America - Society of Health and Physical Educators  
Sleep Research Society  
Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America  
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine  
Society for Public Health Education  
Society for Women's Health Research  
South Carolina Public Health Association  
South Dakota Public Health Association  
Southern California Public Health Association  
Spina Bifida Association  
Susan G. Komen  
Tennessee Public Health Association  
The AIDS Institute  
The Infectious Diseases Society of America  
The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America  
Trust for America's Health  
Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine (TUCVM)  
US Hereditary Angioedema Association  
Utah Public Health Association  
Virginia Public Health Association  
Washington State Public Health Association  
WE Public Health  
Wisconsin Public Health Association

Cc: The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
The Honorable Charles Schumer  
The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
The Honorable Patty Murray  
The Honorable Tom Cole