

# CDC Coalition

October 23, 2019

The Honorable Richard Shelby  
Chairman  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20510

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

The Honorable Roy Blunt  
Chairman  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee  
on Labor, Health and Human Services,  
Education, and Related Agencies  
Washington, DC 20510

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

Dear Chairman Shelby, Vice Chair Leahy, Chairman Blunt and Ranking Member Murray:

As you work to finalize the FY 2020 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, the 120 undersigned members of the CDC Coalition and other supporting organizations urge you to support at least the House level of \$8.22 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's programs in any final FY 2020 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. This total includes a transfer of \$225 million from the HHS Nonrecurring Expenses Fund for one-time projects to improve CDC research and campus infrastructure. With this level of funding, Congress will be able to provide additional funding to key CDC programs, prevent the elimination of any important CDC programs and fund important new initiatives critical to improving the nation'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 assure an adequate translation of new research into effective state and local programs. Coalition member groups represent millions of public health workers, researchers, clinicians, educators and citizens served by CDC programs.

CDC serves as the command center for the nation's public health defense system against emerging and reemerging infectious diseases. From aiding in the surveillance, detection and prevention of the Zika virus to playing a lead role in the control of Ebola in West Africa and the current outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to monitoring, investigating and helping to control the current measles cases and recent outbreaks in the U.S., to pandemic flu preparedness, CDC is the nation's – and the world's – expert resource and response center, coordinating communications and action and serving as the laboratory reference center. States, communities and the international community rely on CDC for accurate information and direction in a crisis or outbreak.

CDC is faced with unprecedented challenges and responsibilities ranging from combating the opioid, tobacco and obesity epidemics to emergency preparedness and chronic disease prevention. CDC funds programs for injury control and violence prevention; global health security; health promotion in schools and workplaces; the prevention of diabetes, heart disease, stroke, cancer, lung disease, arthritis and other chronic diseases; tobacco prevention and control; nutrition and physical activity; immunizations; reducing and preventing vector-borne diseases; HIV/AIDS prevention; environmental health, including the prevention of childhood lead poisoning; oral health; reducing health disparities; preventing infant mortality and birth defects; preventing antimicrobial resistance; preventing prescription drug overdose; improving the health and quality of life of individuals with disabilities; vision and eye health and public health research and health statistics. It is notable that more than 70 percent of CDC's budget supports public health and prevention activities by 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 Americans 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 prioritize CDC funding and to support a funding level of at least \$8.22 billion for CDC's programs in FY 2020.**

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

Sincerely,

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AcademyHealth  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Academy of Sleep Medicine  
American Association for Clinical Chemistry  
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy  
American Association on Health and Disability  
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network  
American College of Physicians  
American College of Preventive Medicine  
American Dental Hygienists' Association  
American Diabetes Association  
American Heart Association  
American Liver Foundation  
American Lung Association  
American Mosquito Control Association  
American Psychological Association  
American Public Health Association  
American Society for Clinical Pathology  
American Society for Microbiology  
American Society of Hematology  
American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene  
American Thoracic Society  
Arizona Public Health Association

Arthritis Foundation  
Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum  
Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology  
Association of Black Cardiologists  
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs  
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools  
Association of Public Health Laboratories  
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health  
Association of State and Territorial Health Officials  
Big Cities Health Coalition  
Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids  
CDC Southeastern Center of Excellence in Vector Borne Diseases  
Children's Cardiomyopathy Foundation  
Children's Environmental Health Network  
Coalition for Health Funding  
Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service, Inc.  
Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists  
Delaware Academy of Medicine / Delaware Public Health Association  
Digestive Disease National Coalition  
Dystonia Advocacy Network  
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation  
Entomological Society of America  
Epilepsy Foundation  
Futures Without Violence  
GBS|CIDP Foundation International  
GLMA: Health Professionals Advancing LGBTQ Equality  
Green & Healthy Homes Initiative  
Hawaii Public Health Association  
Healthy Teen Network  
Hepatitis B Foundation  
HIV Medicine Association  
Infectious Diseases Society of America  
International Foundation for Gastrointestinal Disorders  
Interstitial Cystitis Association  
Lakeshore Foundation  
Louisiana Public Health Association  
Lymphatic Education & Research Network  
March of Dimes  
Maryland Public Health Association  
METAvivor Research & Support, Inc.  
Minnesota Public Health Association  
Missouri Public Health Association  
Moore Center for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse  
NASTAD  
National Alopecia Areata Foundation  
National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems  
National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities  
National Association of County and City Health Officials  
National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials

National Coalition of STD Directors  
National Environmental Health Association  
National Fragile X Foundation  
National Health Care for the Homeless Council  
National Network of Public Health Institutes  
National Pancreas Foundation  
National Recreation and Park Association  
National Safety Council  
NephCure Kidney International  
Nevada Public Health Association  
New Hampshire Public Health Association  
New Jersey Public Health Association  
New Jersey State Mosquito Control Commission  
North East Regional Center for Excellence in Vector Borne Diseases  
Oregon Public Health Association  
Pennsylvania Public Health Association  
Prevent Blindness  
Prevention Institute  
Project Sleep  
Public Health Institute  
Puerto Rico Vector Control Unit  
Pulmonary Hypertension Association  
Research!America  
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation  
Safe States Alliance  
Scleroderma Foundation  
Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS)  
Sleep Research Society  
Society for Public Health Education  
Spina Bifida Association  
Tennessee Public Health Association  
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The Arc of the United States  
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The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research  
The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America  
Tourette Association of America  
Trust for America's Health  
U.S. Hereditary Angioedema Association  
Upper Midwestern Center of Excellence for Vector-Borne Disease  
Utah Public Health Association  
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Vector Borne Disease Network  
Vermont Public Health Association  
Western Gulf Center of Excellence for Vector-borne Diseases  
Wisconsin Public Health Association  
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Cc: Senate Appropriations Committee