

# CDC Coalition

November 11, 2022

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 156 members of the CDC Coalition and other supporting state, national and academic organizations urge you to include at least **\$10.45 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s programs in any final FY 2023 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies appropriations bill**. While we believe our initial request of \$11 billion for CDC in FY 2023 is still needed, we urge you to support no less than \$10.45 billion. 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 resources that are 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 and communities. We also believe that it is critical for Congress to quickly finalize the FY 2023 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, academic institutions, 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 monitoring and investigating the current monkeypox outbreak and other disease outbreaks in the U.S. and internationally, 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 can prepare, respond and recover from a crisis or disease 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 strengthening public health infrastructure at all levels; strengthening and expanding the public health workforce; injury prevention; research into gun violence prevention; suicide 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 addressing the health impacts of climate change; oral health; reducing health disparities; preventing maternal and 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, public health research and health statistics and harmonizing clinical laboratory test results. 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 remain woefully underfunded. **We urge you to include at least \$10.45 billion for CDC's programs in any final FY 2023 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,

Accessia Health  
AHUS Action Network  
American Academy of Family Physicians  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Association for Clinical Chemistry  
American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research  
American Association of Colleges of Nursing  
American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine  
American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine  
American Association on Health and Disability  
American College of Clinical Pharmacy  
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
American College of Physicians  
American Heart Association  
American Liver Foundation  
American Lung Association  
American Physical Therapy Association  
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  
Arthritis Foundation  
Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF)  
Association for Clinical and Translational Sciences  
Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology  
Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Association of Black Cardiologists  
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs  
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools (AMHPS)  
Association of Public Health Laboratories  
Association of Public Health Nurses  
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  
BU CTSI  
Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids  
Celiac Disease Foundation  
CFC International  
Child Neurology Foundation  
Children's Environmental Health Network  
City of Kansas City MO Health Department  
City of Milwaukee Health Department  
Clinical Research Forum  
Coalition for Clinical and Translational Sciences  
Coalition for Skin Diseases  
Colorado Public Health Association  
Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists  
Crohn's & Colitis Foundation  
Delaware Academy of Medicine / Delaware Public Health Association  
Digestive Disease National Coalition  
Dup15q Alliance  
Dystonia Advocacy Network  
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation  
Endocrine Society  
Entomological Society of America  
Epilepsy Foundation  
Epilepsy Leadership Council  
Futures Without Violence  
Gaucher Community Alliance  
GBS|CIDP Foundation International  
Good Days

Green & Healthy Homes Initiative  
Hawaii Public Health Association  
Healthy Teen Network  
Hepatitis B Foundation  
Hereditary Angioedema Association  
HIV Medicine Association  
HIV+Hepatitis Policy Institute  
Hope Charities  
Hope for HIE  
Illinois Public Health Association  
Indiana Public Health Association  
Infectious Diseases Society of America  
Interstitial Cystitis Association  
Johns Hopkins University & Medicine  
Kansas Public Health Association  
Lakeshore Foundation  
Louisiana Public Health Association  
Lymphatic Education & Research Network  
Maine Public Health Association  
March of Dimes  
Maryland Public Health Association  
Medical Library Association  
METAvivor  
Michigan Public Health Association  
Minnesota Public Health Association  
Mississippi Public Health Association  
Missouri Public Health Association  
Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM)  
Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California  
NASTAD  
National Alopecia Areata Foundation  
National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems (NAPHSIS)  
National Association of Chronic Disease Directors  
National Association of County and City Health Officials  
National Association of Local Boards of Health  
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners  
National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials  
National Eczema Association  
National Environmental Health Association  
National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association  
National Forum for Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention  
National League for Nursing  
National Network of Public Health Institutes  
National Pancreas Foundation  
National Recreation and Park Association  
National Safety Council  
National Scleroderma Foundation  
National TB Controllers Association (NTCA)  
NC Public Health Association

NephCure Kidney International  
Nevada Public Health Association  
New Hampshire Public Health Association  
New York State Public Health Association  
NJ Public Health Association  
Ohio Public Health Association  
Oregon Public Health Association  
Pennsylvania Public Health Association  
Prevention Institute  
Project Sleep  
Public Health Institute  
Pulmonary Hypertension Association  
Rare Epilepsy Network (REN) Coordinating Committee  
RASopathies Network  
Research!America  
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation  
Rhode Island Public Health Association  
Safe States Alliance  
SHAPE America - Society of Health and Physical Educators  
Sleep Research Society  
Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America  
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine  
Society for Women's Health Research  
South Carolina Advocates For Epilepsy  
Tennessee Public Health Association  
The AIDS Institute  
The American College of Preventive Medicine  
Tourette Association of America  
Trust for America's Health  
TSC Alliance  
US Hereditary Angioedema Association  
Vaccinate Your Family  
Vermont Public Health Association  
Virginia Public Health Association  
WAIHA Warriors  
Wake Forest School of Medicine  
Washington State Public Health Association  
Wisconsin Public Health Association  
WomenHeart: The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease  
YMCA of the USA

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The Honorable Charles Schumer  
The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
The Honorable Patty Murray  
The Honorable Tom Cole