

# CDC Coalition

Sept. 27, 2024

U.S House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

The undersigned 136 members of the CDC Coalition and other supporting state, national and academic organizations write to express our strong opposition to the \$1.8 billion (22%) cut to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention proposed in the House FY 2025 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies appropriations bill. Our organizations urge the House to reject this bill that severely undercuts public health. Instead, we urge you to work in a bipartisan manner to develop a final bill that contains robust funding for the agency 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 the House bill as currently drafted 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 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. CDC programs protect the nation from public health threats including the current multi-state Listeria outbreak linked to sliced deli meats, the 13 reported measles outbreaks we have seen 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, improving emergency preparedness and response, preventing injury and violence, ensuring workplace safety, protecting the public from environmental health threats and addressing the HIV/AIDS epidemic among others. Specifically, the bill would eliminate or drastically reduce funding for the following:

- Eliminates funding for the Center for Forecasting and Analytics, which enables more effective infectious disease outbreak responses through next-generation forecasting tools;
- Eliminates funding for CDC's Injury Prevention and Control Center in its entirety, including the Suicide Prevention program, Opioid Overdose Prevention and Surveillance activities, Firearm Injury and Mortality Prevention Research, programs to address adverse childhood experiences, domestic violence, drowning prevention and other programs that work to reduce injuries and deaths in our communities;
- 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 funding for the Ending the HIV Epidemic Initiative and the Global HIV/AIDS programs;
- 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 the Climate and Health and Environmental Health Tracking programs, which are critical to ensuring our nation's readiness to address the health impacts of extreme weather events and wildfires;
- Eliminates funding for the School Health program that works to prevent HIV, STIs and unintended pregnancies among youth;
- Eliminates funding for Prevention Research Centers that conduct research to help communities prevent chronic diseases; and
- Drastically cuts funding for Occupational Safety and Health Research and Environmental Health Laboratory programs.

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% CDC's base budget goes 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 and to 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 concerns with the House FY 2025 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 views.

Sincerely,

American Lung Association  
 Alliance for Headache Disorders Advocacy  
 American Academy of Family Physicians  
 American Academy of Pediatrics  
 American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research  
 American Association of Colleges of Nursing  
 American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACCP)  
 American Association on Health and Disability  
 American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN)  
 American College of Chest Physicians  
 American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
 American College of Physicians  
 American College of Preventive Medicine  
 American Heart Association  
 American Liver Foundation  
 American Medical Women's Association  
 American Nurses Association

American Psychological Association Services  
American Public Health Association  
American Sexual Health Association  
American Sexually Transmitted Diseases Association (ASTDA)  
American Society for Clinical Pathology  
American Society for Microbiology  
American Society of Hematology  
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene  
American Statistical Association  
American Thoracic Society  
American Trauma Society  
Arizona Public Health Association  
Association for Diagnostics and Laboratory Medicine  
Association for Prevention Teaching and Research  
Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology  
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs  
Association of Public Health Laboratories  
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health  
Association of State and Territorial Health Officials  
Association of State Public Health Nutritionists  
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America  
Big Cities Health Coalition  
Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids  
Center for Advocacy for the Rights and Interests of Elders (CARIE)  
Children's Environmental Health Network  
Climate Psychiatry Alliance  
Colorado Public Health Association  
Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics  
Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists  
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation  
Delaware Academy of Medicine/Delaware Public Health Association  
District of Columbia Public Health Association  
Endocrine Society  
Entomological Society of America  
Epilepsy Foundation  
Faces and Voices of Recovery  
Florida Public Health Association  
Foundation for Healthy Generations  
Futures Without Violence  
Georgia Public Health Association  
Gerontological Society of America  
GLMA: Health Professionals Advancing LGBTQ+ Equality  
GO2 For Lung Cancer  
Green & Healthy Homes Initiative  
Hawaii Public Health Association  
Health by Design  
Health Resources in Action  
Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS)  
Healthy Teen Network

HIV Medicine Association  
HIV+Hepatitis Policy Institute  
IC&RC  
Illinois Public Health Association  
Illinois State Alliance of YMCAs  
Illinois-Henry and Stark County Health Department  
Indiana Public Health Association  
Infectious Diseases Society of America  
International WELL Building Institute  
Iowa Public Health Association  
Johns Hopkins University & Medicine  
Kansas Public Health Association  
Kids In Danger  
Lakeshore Foundation  
Lasker Foundation  
Maine Public Health Association  
March of Dimes  
Maryland Health Professionals for a Healthy Climate  
Maryland Public Health Association  
Michigan Public Association  
Minnesota Public Health Association  
Mississippi Public Health Association  
Missouri Public Health Association  
Naphsis  
NASTAD  
National Alliance to End Sexual Violence  
National Association of County and City Health Officials  
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners  
National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials  
National Athletic Trainers' Association  
National Center for Healthy Housing  
National Coalition of STD Directors  
National Environmental Health Association  
National Forum for Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention  
National League for Nursing  
National Network of Public Health Institutes  
National Safety Council  
National Tuberculosis Coalition of America  
NC Public Health Association  
Nevada Public Health Association  
New Hampshire Public Health Association  
New Jersey Public Health Association  
Ohio Public Health Association  
Overdose Prevention Initiative at the Global Health Advocacy Incubator  
Pennsylvania Public Health Association  
Prevent Blindness  
Prevention Institute  
Public Health Institute  
Research!America

Rhode Island Public Health Association  
Safe States Alliance  
SHAPE America - Society of Health and Physical Educators  
Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America  
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine  
Society for Public Health Education  
South Dakota Public Health Association (SDPHA)  
Southern California Public Health Association (SCPHA)  
Spina Bifida Association  
The AIDS Institute  
Tourette Association of America  
Trust for America's Health  
U.S. Breastfeeding Committee  
UsAgainstAlzheimer's  
Utah Public Health Association  
Vaccinate Your Family  
Vermont Public Health Association  
Washington State Public Health Association  
Well-being and Equity (WE) in the World  
Wisconsin Public Health Association  
YMCA of the USA

Cc: The Honorable Tom Cole  
The Honorable Rosa DeLauro