## **CDC** Coalition

April 1, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chair House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Patty Murray Chair Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable Tom Cole Ranking Member House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chair DeLauro, Chair Murray, Ranking Member Cole and Ranking Member Blunt:

The undersigned 178 members of the CDC Coalition and other supporting state and national organizations urge you to include at least \$11 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's programs in the FY 2023 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies 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 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.

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 monitoring and investigating 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; 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 vectorborne diseases; environmental health, including the prevention of childhood lead poisoning and addressing 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, 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 \$11 billion for CDC's programs in the FY 2023 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies appropriations bill.

Please contact Don Hoppert at <u>donald.hoppert@apha.org</u> or 202-777-2514 with any questions regarding our request.

Sincerely,

Accessia Health

African American Health Alliance

AIDS Alabama

Allergy & Asthma Network

Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments

American Academy of Family Physicians

American Academy of Orthotists & Prosthetists

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 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 Mosquito Control Association

American Physical Therapy Association

American Public Health Association

American School Health Association

American Society for Clinical Pathology

American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy

American Society for Microbiology

American Society for Reproductive Medicine

American Society of Hematology

American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene

American Thoracic Society

**Arthritis Foundation** 

Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum

Association for Clinical and Translational Science

Association for Prevention Teaching and Research

Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology

Association for Psychological Science

Association for the Advancement of Blood and Biotherapies

Association of American Medical Colleges

Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs

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

Association of State Public Health Nutritionists

Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America

Big Cities Health Coalition

**CAEAR Coalition** 

Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids

CARES of Southwest Michigan

CenterLink: The Community of LGBT Centers

Children's Cardiomyopathy Foundation

Children's Environmental Health Network

Climate for Health

Climate Psychiatry Alliance

Clinical Research Forum

Coalition for Clinical and Translational Science

Colorado Public Health Association

Common Threads

Cooley's Anemia Foundation

Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists

Covering Kids & Families of Indiana

**CURE Epilepsy** 

Delaware Academy of Medicine / Delaware Public Health Association

Digestive Disease National Coalition

Dystonia Medical Research Foundation

**Endocrine Society** 

Entomological Society of America

Epilepsy Alliance America

**Epilepsy Foundation** 

Fight Colorectal Cancer

Florida Public Health Institute

**GBS-CIDP** Foundation International

Georgia AIDS Coalition

GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer

Green & Healthy Homes Initiative

Hawaii Public Health Association

Health by Design

Health Care Without Harm

Healthy Teen Network

Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association

Hep B United

Hepatitis B Foundation

HIV AIDS Alliance of Michigan

**HIV Dental Alliance** 

**HIV Medicine Association** 

HIV+Hepatitis Policy Institute

Hope Charities

Illinois Public Health Association

Illinois Society for the Prevention of Blindness

Immunization Coalition of Delaware

Indiana Public Health Association

Infectious Diseases Society of America

International Foundation for CDKL5 Research

Interstitial Cystitis Association

Iowa Public Health Association

Lakeshore Foundation

Louisiana Public Health Association

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Michigan Public Health Association

Minnesota Public Health Association

Mississippi Public Health Association

Missouri Public Health Association

Montana Public Health Association

Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California

**NASTAD** 

National Alopecia Areata Foundation

National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems

National Association of Chromic Disease Directors

National Association of County and City Health Officials

National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health

National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners

National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials

National Association of Vector-Borne Disease Control Officials

National Center for Healthy Housing

National Coalition of STD Directors

National Eczema Association

National Environmental Health Association

National League for Nursing

National Network of Public Health Institutes

National Pancreas Foundation

National Safety Council

National Scleroderma Foundation

NC Public Health Association

NephCure Kidney International

Nevada Public Health Association

New Jersey Public Health Association

New Mexico Public Health Association

New York State Public Health Association

North Dakota Public Health Association

Northeast Regional Center for Excellence in Vector-Borne Diseases

Ohio Public Health Association

Oklahoma Public Health Association

Oregon Public Health Association

Pennsylvania Public Health Association

Prevent Blindness

Prevent Blindness Georgia

Prevent Blindness North Carolina

**Prevention Institute** 

**Project Sleep** 

Public Health Association of Nebraska

Public Health Institute

**Pulmonary Hypertension Association** 

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Resolve to Save Lives

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 Public Health Education

Society for Women's Health Research

South Carolina Public Health Association

South Dakota Public Health Agency (SDPHA)

Southern California Public Health Association

Spina Bifida Association

Tennessee Public Health Association

The AIDS Institute

The American College of Preventive Medicine

The Brain Recovery Project

The Gerontological Society of America

The Los Angeles Trust for Children's Health

The Moore Center for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse
The Task Force for Global Health
Tourette Association of America
Treatment Action Group
Trust for America's Health
U.S. Hereditary Angioedema Association
Utah Public Health Association
Vaccinate Your Family
Vermont Public Health Association
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Washington State Public Health Association

Wisconsin Public Health Association