The American people say preventing disease should be the nation’s top health care priority.

- Research conducted by Trust for America’s Health finds that prevention of disease and injury ranks higher than all other proposals to improve health care.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, but prevention has been underfunded.

- America spends 75 percent of its health care dollars on treating chronic diseases such as heart disease, cancer, obesity, diabetes, and stroke – but we spend only 4 percent of our health care dollars on preventing them!

The new Prevention and Public Health Fund is historic – the largest national commitment to preventing illness and injury ever made.

- The Fund will invest $15 billion over 10 years in proven, effective programs to prevent disease and injury. The Fund will:
  - Bring common sense into our health care system by helping people to stay healthy and not get sick in the first place.
  - Help Americans to make healthier choices and take personal responsibility for their own health and the health of their families and children.
  - Reduce health care costs for businesses and families; prevent suffering; save millions of lives; keep Americans healthy and at work; and improve the quality of life for all.

- The Fund supports prevention efforts at the community level to:
  - Reduce tobacco use.
  - Expand opportunities for recreation and exercise.
  - Improve nutrition by increasing access to fresh fruits and vegetables and farmers markets, and helping kids to eat healthier meals and snacks in schools.
  - Expand mental health and injury prevention programs.
  - Improve prevention services in low-income and underserved communities.

- The Fund improves state and local health departments to:
  - Provide flu and other immunizations.
✓ Protect our food, air, and water.
✓ Fight infectious diseases.
✓ Respond to natural disasters like floods and hurricanes.
✓ Prepare for terror attacks.

- The Fund helps expand the public health workforce to:
  ✓ Provide the well-equipped labs and technology it needs to protect us from disease outbreaks and other threats.

- The Fund supports science and research to:
  ✓ Develop more and even better ways to prevent disease and keep families and communities safe and healthy.

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