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The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye
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Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Thad Cochran
Ranking Member
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The Honorable Harold Rogers
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Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Norm Dicks
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U.S. House of Representatives
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The XXX undersigned education, training, disability, public health, medical research, patient advocacy, women's, children's, civil rights, anti-poverty, faith and labor organizations respectfully urge you to recognize health, education, job training, children's and social services programs as critical national priorities as you determine the final 302(b) allocations for the FY 2012 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations bills. Additional investment in these domestic programs will boost the economy and reduce the deficit through prevention of costly chronic diseases, increased earnings, and reduced expenditures for unemployment and other social service programs.

Health, education, job training, children's and social services programs are continually asked to do more with less. These domestic programs have experienced significant erosion over the past several years despite their important role in keeping Americans healthy, productive, competitive, and secure. As a result, America's status as a global superpower has been compromised. The Central Intelligence Agency in 2011 ranks the United States 47th in infant mortality—widely recognized as a basic indicator of a country's overall health—behind even some developing countries. America is also falling behind our industrialized counterparts in academic achievement. Scores from the 2009 Program for International Student Assessment showed that U.S. 15-year-olds ranked 20th in science and 30th in math. Our nation still faces large and unacceptable gaps by race and socioeconomic status in student achievement, high school graduation and college attendance and completion rates.

With the enactment of the Budget Control Act, the FY 2012 discretionary spending cap for non security programs is some \$3 billion below the FY 2011 Continuing Resolution level. While the Senate has not yet made 302(b) allocations, we strongly oppose the House subcommittee allocation, which is \$18 billion or 11.6 percent below the FY 2011 level.

We urge you to set a final 302(b) allocation to the Labor-HHS-Education subcommittee that recognizes the value of health, education, job training, children's and social services in improving the lives of American families and strengthening our nation's global position. These programs should be protected from further cuts that would have profound consequences on our nation's global competitiveness and our capacity to address the needs of the most vulnerable.

If you have questions about this letter, please contact Emily Holubowich, Executive Director, Coalition for Health Funding (eholubowich@dc-crd.com or 202.484.1100) or Joel Packer, Executive Director, Committee for Education Funding (jpacker@cef.org or 202.383-0083).

Sincerely,

1. 9to5, National Association of Working Women
2. AcademyHealth
3. ADAPTE International
4. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)
5. AIDS Action Baltimore, Inc
6. AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth & Families
7. AIDS Foundation of Chicago
8. AIDS United
9. American Academy of Neurology
10. American Academy of Pediatrics
11. American Association for Dental Research
12. American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry (AAGP)
13. American Association for Health and Disability (AAHD)
14. American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy
15. American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC)
16. American Association of Nurse Assessment Coordinators
17. American Association of School Administrators
18. American Association of University Women (AAUW)
19. American College of Physicians
20. American Counseling Association
21. American Dietetic Association
22. American Heart Association
23. American Hospital Association
24. American Mental Health Counselors Association
25. American Nurses Association
26. American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE)
27. American Podiatric Medical Association
28. American Psychiatric Association
29. American Psychological Association
30. American Public Health Association
31. American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS)
32. American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP)
33. American Society for Reproductive Medicine
34. American Society of Hematology
35. American Sociological Association
36. American Speech Language- Hearing Association
37. Association for Prevention Teaching and Research
38. Association for Psychological Science
39. Association for Radiologic & Imaging Nursing
40. Association for Research in Otolaryngology
41. Association for Research in Vision & Ophthalmology (ARVO)
42. Association of Academic Health Centers
43. Association of American Medical Colleges
44. Association of Education Service Agencies
45. Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
46. Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses
47. Biophysical Society
48. California Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors (CAADAC)
49. California Foundation for the Advancement of Addiction Professionals (CFAAP)
50. Cedars-Sinai Medical Center
51. Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)

52. California Educational Technology Professionals Association
53. Coalition for Community Schools
54. Coalition for Health Funding
55. Coalition for Health Services Research
56. Columbia University
57. Committee for Education Funding
58. Community Health Outreach Work to Prevent AIDS Project (CHOW project)
59. Council for Opportunity in Education
60. Dental Hygienists' Association of the State of New York (DHASNY)
61. Department of Pediatric Radiology
62. Directors of Health Promotion and Education
63. Duke University Health System
64. Duke University School of Medicine
65. Early Childhood Investment Corporation of Michigan
66. Easter Seals
67. Empire Project for Oral Health
68. Epilepsy Foundation
69. Every Child Matters Education Fund
70. FATE (Fighting Addiction through Education)
71. Federation of Associations in Behavior and Brain Sciences
72. First Five Years Fund
73. Friends of NIDA
74. Friends of SAMHSA
75. Futures Without Violence
76. Genetic Alliance
77. Global Justice Institute
78. Head Injury Administrators
79. Health HIV
80. HealthPro Solutions
81. Heart Rhythm Society
82. Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia HHT Foundation International
83. HIV Medical Association
84. HIV Prevention Justice Alliance (HIV-PJA)
85. International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC)
86. International Women's Health Coalition
87. Kids with Heart National Association for Children's Heart Disorders, Inc
88. Knowledge Alliance
89. L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center
90. Leadership Services
91. Lymphangiomas & Gorham's Disease Alliance
92. March of Dimes
93. Mental Health America
94. Metropolitan Community Churches
95. Michigan State University
96. Mount Sinai Medical Center
97. National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research (NAEVR)
98. National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD)
99. National Assembly on School-Based Health Care
100. National Association for Children's Behavioral Health
101. National Association for College Admission Counseling
102. National Association for Geriatric Education

103. National Association for Geriatric Education Centers
104. National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems
105. National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems (NAPHSIS)
106. National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors
107. National Association of Chronic Disease Directors
108. National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists
109. National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities
110. National Association of County Behavioral Health & Developmental Disability Directors
111. National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH)
112. National Association of State
113. National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE)
114. National Association of State Directors of Special Education, Inc.
115. National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)
116. National Coalition for LGBT Health
117. National Coalition of STD Directors
118. National Council for Community and Education Partnerships (NCCEP)
119. National Council of Women's Organizations Women's Research & Education Institute
120. National Education Association
121. National Employment Law Project
122. National Fabry Disease Foundation (NFDF)
123. National Gay and Lesbian Task Force
124. National Health Care for the Homeless Council
125. National Hispanic Medical Association
126. National Human Services Assembly
127. National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health
128. National Lung Cancer Partnership
129. National Multiple Sclerosis Society
130. National Network of Public Health Institutes
131. National Nursing Centers Consortium
132. National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing (N-OADN)
133. National Parent Teacher Association
134. National Rural Education Advocacy Coalition
135. National Rural Education Association
136. National Rural Health Association
137. National Skills Coalition
138. National Student Nurses' Association
139. National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable
140. NETWORK, A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby
141. New York State Public Health Association
142. Patty Becker Associates
143. Penn State College of Medicine
144. Physician Assistant Education Association
145. Project DOCC - Delivery of Chronic Care
146. Project Inform (San Francisco)
147. Public Education Network
148. Research Triangle Institute
149. Research! America
150. Ryan White Medical Providers Coalition
151. Ryan White Medical Providers Coalition
152. School Social Work Association of America
153. Service Employees Internation Union (SEIU)

154. Society for Public Health Education
155. Society for Women's Health Research (SWHR)
156. SPARK/ School Specialty
157. Special Olympics International
158. Sudden Cardiac Arrest Association
159. Sugar Law Center for Economic and Social Justice
160. Tethys Bioscience, Inc
161. The Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries (AAHSL)
162. The Endocrine Society
163. The Hepatitis C Mentor & Support Group, Inc
164. The Medical Library Association (MLA)
165. The National Center on Family Homelessness
166. The National Network of Health Career Programs in Two-Year Colleges (NN2)
167. The Society for Medical Decision
168. Treatment Action Group (TAG)
169. Treatment Communities of America
170. Trust for America's Health
171. Washington Partners, LLC
172. Wider Opportunities for Women