

May 17, 2017

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Senate Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Senate Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader McConnell and Minority Leader Schumer:

On behalf of the more than 540 undersigned organizations, we are writing to warn of the dire consequences of repealing the Prevention and Public Health Fund (the Prevention Fund), which is repealed by the American Health Care Act (H.R. 1628) at the end of FY 2018. Repealing the Prevention Fund without a corresponding increase in the allocation for the Labor-Health and Human Services-Education appropriations bill would leave a funding gap for essential public health programs, and could also foretell substantial cuts for other critical programs funded in the bill. As the Senate begins work on its version of health reform, we urge you to leave the Prevention and Public Health Fund in place.

Today, more than 12 percent of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) budget is supplied through Prevention Fund investments. This includes core public health programs that provide essential funds to help states keep communities healthy and safe, such as the 317 immunization program, epidemiology and laboratory capacity grants, the entire Preventive Health and Health Services (Prevent) Block Grant program, cancer screenings, chronic disease prevention and other critically important programs. For example, the Prevent Block Grant provides all 50 states, the District of Columbia, two American Indian tribes, and eight U.S. territories with flexible funding to address their unique public health issues at the state and community level.

Despite the growing and geographically disparate burden of largely preventable diseases, health threats such as the opioid epidemic, and emerging infectious disease outbreaks such as the Zika virus, federal disease prevention and public health programs remain critically underfunded. Public health spending is still below pre-recession levels, having remained relatively flat for years. The CDC's budget authority has actually decreased by 11.4 percent since FY 2010 adjusted for inflation, and the Prevention Fund has helped to make up the difference.

Discretionary programs, including public health, education, and job training programs funded through the Labor-Health and Human Services-Education (LHHS) appropriations spending bill have been cut dramatically and disproportionately in recent years as lawmakers have worked to

reduce the deficit, even though experts across the political spectrum agree these programs are not a driving factor behind our nation's mid- and long term fiscal challenges. Eliminating the Prevention Fund would be disastrous to the CDC budget and programs, and to the LHHHS bill as a whole, leaving a nearly \$1 billion budget hole which would be impossible to fill under current discretionary spending caps.

Funding prevention not only saves lives but it saves money. A comprehensive study of evidence-based prevention programs found that every dollar invested yields \$5.60 in savings. There are many provisions of the Affordable Care Act aimed at promoting health and prevention, but the Prevention Fund is particularly important – a dedicated investment in prevention and public health activities to counteract the much larger bill – \$3.2 trillion and growing – we pay every year as a country to treat illness and disease.

We urge you to maintain funding made possible by the Prevention and Public Health Fund and safeguard funding for the CDC and other programs under the Labor-HHS-Education spending bill.

Sincerely,

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Ability360  
Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy  
Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics  
Action for Healthy Kids (AFHK)  
Active Living By Design  
Active Transportation Alliance  
Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research  
ADAP Advocacy Association (aaa+)  
Addiction Connections Resource  
Adult Congenital Heart Association  
Advancement Project California  
Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital  
Advocates for Better Children's Diets  
African American Health Alliance  
AIDS Alliance for Women, Infants,  
Children, Youth & Families  
The AIDS Institute  
AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta  
AIDS United  
Allamakee County Public Health  
American Academy of HIV Medicine  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Association for Dental Research  
American Association for the Study of  
Liver Diseases

American Association of Colleges of Nursing  
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy  
American Association of Naturopathic  
Physicians  
American Association of Neuromuscular &  
Electrodiagnostic Medicine  
American Association on Health and Disability  
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network  
American College of Cardiology  
American College of Clinical Pharmacy  
American College of Preventive Medicine  
American College of Sports Medicine  
American Council on Exercise  
American Diabetes Association  
American Federation of State, County and  
Municipal Employees  
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention  
American Heart Association  
American Immunization Registry Association  
American Indian/Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian  
APHA Caucus  
The American Academy of HIV Medicine  
American College of Occupational  
and Environmental Medicine  
American Lung Association  
American Medical Student Association

American Organization of Nurse Executives  
American Psychological Association  
American Public Health Association  
American School Health Association  
American Sexual Health Association  
American Society for Nutrition  
American Society of Hematology  
American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene  
American STD Association  
American Thoracic Society  
Ann & Robert H. Lurie Foundation  
APICAT for Healthy Communities  
APLA Health  
The Arc  
Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest  
Arizona Health Care Association  
Arizona Medical Association  
The Arizona Partnership for Immunization  
Arizona Public Health Association  
Arizona Rural Health Association  
Arkansas Public Health Association  
Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum  
Asian Services In Action  
Association for Clinical and Translational Science  
Association for Prevention Teaching and Research  
Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology  
Association of Accredited Naturopathic Medical Colleges  
Association of Accredited Public Health Programs  
Association of American Cancer Institutes  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Association of Community Health Nursing Educators  
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs  
Association of Montana Public Health Officials  
Association of Public Health Laboratories  
Association of Public Health Nurses  
Association of Reproductive Health Professionals  
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health  
Association of State and Territorial Health Officials  
Association of State Public Health Nutritionists  
Association of University Centers on Disabilities  
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America  
Atrius Health  
Authority Health  
B'more Mobile  
Barnes ON THE MOVE Partnership  
Behavioral Health Leadership Institute  
Benzie Leelanau District Health Department  
Berean Wellness & Community Support Center  
Big Cities Health Coalition  
Black Women's Health Imperative  
Boston Alliance for Community Health  
Boston Public Health Commission  
Boston Senior Home Care  
Boston University School of Public Health  
Boulder County Public Health  
The Bronx Health Link  
Bronx Health REACH  
California Pan-Ethnic Health Network  
California Public Health Association-North  
California State Association of Counties  
California WIC Association  
Cambridge Health Alliance  
Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids  
Camptonville Community Partnership  
Canary Health  
Cancer Council of the Pacific Islands  
Cancer Prevention and Treatment Fund  
Canyon Ranch Center for Prevention & Health Promotion  
Cedar County Public Health  
Center for Behavioral Epidemiology & Community Health  
Center for Health and Learning  
Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention  
Center for Science in the Public Interest  
Center in the Park  
Center for Popular Democracy  
Central California Asthma Collaborative  
Central Jersey Family Health Consortium

Central Michigan District Health Department  
 Central Michigan Regional Rural Health Network  
 Centralina Area Agency on Aging  
 Centro Multicultural La Familia  
 Cerro Gordo County Department of Public Health  
 Chalk Talk Science Project  
 ChangeLab Solutions  
 Chicago Commons  
 Childhood Obesity Prevention Coalition of Washington State  
 Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)  
 Children's Environmental Health Network  
 Children's Health Fund  
 Children's Mental Health Network  
 City-County Health District  
 Clinica Sierra Vista  
 Clinical Research Forum  
 Coalition for Clinical and Translational Science  
 Coalition for Health Funding  
 Coalition for Healthy School Food  
 Coconino County Public Health Services District  
 College of Public Health and Human Sciences, Oregon State University  
 Colorado Association of Local Public Health Officials  
 Colorado Association of School Nurses  
 Colorado Children's Immunization Coalition  
 Colorado Public Health Association  
 Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service, Inc. (COA)  
 CommonHealth ACTION  
 Community Access National Network (CANN)  
 Community Catalyst  
 Community Clinic Consortium  
 Community Health Councils  
 Community Health Initiative Napa County  
 Community Health Improvement Partners  
 Connecticut Directors of Health Association  
 Connecticut Public Health Association  
 Conrad House, Inc.  
 The Consortium  
 Contact Wellness Foundation  
 Cooley's Anemia Foundation  
 COPD Foundation  
 Council for Diabetes Prevention  
 Council of Mexican Federations in North America  
 Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists  
 Council on Aging- Chicopee, MA  
 County Health Executives Association of California  
 County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency  
 The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America  
 Cultiva La Salud  
 Delaware Academy of Medicine/  
 Delaware Public Health Association  
 Delaware County Office for the Aging  
 Delaware Public Health Association  
 Denver Public Health  
 Des Ahrens Lactation Consulting  
 Detroit Public Health STD Clinic  
 Diabetes Center for Improvement  
 Digestive Disease National Coalition  
 Dignity Health  
 Directors of Health Promotion and Education  
 District Health Department #10 (Tampa, FL)  
 District Health Department 2 & 4 (West Branch, MI)  
 Diversified Resources Group  
 Doctors for America  
 Dorchester County Health Department  
 Duxbury Council On Aging  
 Dystonia Medical Research Foundation  
 Early Impact Virginia  
 Edna Bennett Pierce Prevention Center, Penn State University  
 Ehrens Consulting  
 Elder Options  
 Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, Inc.  
 Elder Services of Worcester Area, Inc.  
 Element Health, Inc.  
 Emory University  
 Endocrine Society  
 Enhance Asian Community on Health  
 Essential Access Health  
 Evidence-Based Leadership Council

Fairhill Partners  
The Family Van: Harvard Medical School  
Fathers & Families of San Joaquin  
Fayette County Health Department  
Feeling Good MN  
First In Families of North Carolina  
Florida Breastfeeding Coalition  
The Food Trust  
Forest Grove Public Schools Region 6  
Regional Prevention Coordinators  
Foundation for Healthy Generations  
Fund for Public Health in New York City  
Futures Without Violence  
Gallatin City-County Health Department  
GBS|CIDP Foundation International  
George Washington University Cancer Center  
Georgia Society For Public Health Education  
Global Liver Institute  
Grand Traverse County Health Department  
Greater Holyoke YMCA  
The Greenlining Institute  
Harrison County Home and Public Health  
Hawaii Public Health Association  
Hawaii Public Health Institute  
Healing Touch Massage  
Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City  
Health Connect of South Dakota  
Health Department of Northwest Michigan  
Health Living Collaborative of  
Southwest Washington  
Health Promotion Council of  
Southeastern Pennsylvania, Inc.  
Health Resources in Action  
Healthcare Ready  
Healthy Communities Coalition  
Healthy Living Cape Cod  
Healthy Oxford Hills  
Healthy Schools Campaign  
Healthy Teen Network  
Healthy Weight Partnership  
Hemophilia Council of California  
Hemophilia Foundation of Southern California  
Hepatitis B Foundation  
Hepatitis Foundation International  
Heritage Health and Housing  
Hispanic Health Initiatives, Inc.  
HIV Medicine Association  
HLN Consulting, LLC  
Hogg Foundation for Mental Health  
Home Care Alliance of MA  
Human Impact Partners  
Idaho Immunization Coalition  
Idaho Public Health Association  
Idaho Walk Bike Alliance  
Illinois Public Health Institute  
Immunize Nevada  
Impetus – Let’s Get Started, LLC  
Indiana Public Health Association  
Infectious Diseases Society of America  
Institute for Community & Collaborative  
Health  
Institute for Health and Productivity Studies,  
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of  
Public Health  
Institute for Public Health Innovation  
Institute of Social Medicine & Community  
Health  
Intermountain Public Health Consulting, LLC  
International Board of Lactation Consultant  
Examiners  
International Certification & Reciprocity  
Consortium  
International Foundation for Functional  
Gastrointestinal Disorders  
International Society for Disease Surveillance  
International Valley Health Institute  
Interstitial Cystitis Foundation  
Iowa Public Health Association  
Jefferson County Public Health  
Jeffrey Modell Foundation  
John Peter Smith Health Network  
Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security  
Johns Hopkins University Institute for Health  
and Productivity Studies  
Joy-Southfield Community Development Corp  
Kalusugan Community Services  
Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition  
Kentucky Voices for Health  
Khmer Health Advocates  
Kossuth County Public Health  
La Alianza Hispana

Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center  
Lakeshore Foundation  
Latino Coalition for a Healthy California  
The Latino Health Insurance Program, Inc.  
Latino Public Health Network at Hopkins  
Laurie M. Tisch Center for Food, Education & Policy, Teachers College, Columbia University  
Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department  
League of American Bicyclists  
Levine Senior Center  
LiveWell Longmont  
Local Public Health Association of Minnesota  
The Los Angeles Trust for Children's Health  
Louisiana Public Health Association  
Louisiana Public Health Institute  
Lung Cancer Alliance  
Madera Coalition for Community Justice  
Maine Public Health Association  
MaineHealth  
March of Dimes  
The Marfan Foundation  
Maricopa County Department of Public Health  
Maricopa Integrated Health System  
Maryland Partnership for Prevention  
Maryland Public Health Organization  
Massachusetts Public Health Association  
Master Trainer  
Matter of Balance  
Meals on Wheels and Senior  
Medicines360  
Meharry Medical College  
Men's Health Caucus  
Mennin Consulting and Associates  
Mental Health America of Arizona  
METAvivor  
Metropolitan Area Planning Council  
Metropolitan Chicago Breast Cancer Task Force  
Michigan Association for Local Public Health  
Michigan Breastfeeding Network  
MIKE Program  
Minneapolis Health Department  
Minnesota Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics  
Minnesota Public Health Association  
Mississippi Public Health Association  
Missouri Association of Area Agencies on Aging  
MJH Grant Consulting  
Monona County Public Health  
Montana Primary Care Association  
Montana Public Health Association  
Montgomery County Health Department  
Montrose County School District  
Morehouse School of Medicine  
Mother & Child Health Coalition  
My Brother's Keeper, Inc.  
NAATPN, Inc.  
NAPHSIS: National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems  
Nashville CARES  
National AHEC Organization  
National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors  
National Alopecia Areata Foundation  
National Association for Health and Fitness  
National Association of Area Agencies on Aging  
National Association of Chronic Disease Directors  
National Association of Counties  
National Association of County and City Health Officials  
National Association of Perinatal Social Workers  
National Association of School Nurses  
National Association of Social Workers  
National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors  
National Birth Defects Prevention Network  
National Birth Equity Collaborative  
National Blood Clot Alliance  
National Center for Disaster Preparedness  
National Center for Health Care  
The National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc.  
National Coalition for Promoting Physical Activity  
National Coalition of STD Directors  
National Coalition on Health Care  
National Collaborative for Health Equity

The National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care  
 National Council for Behavioral Health  
 National Council on Aging  
 National Environmental Health Association  
 National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association  
 National Forum for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention  
 National Foundation for Infectious Diseases  
 National Health Care for the Homeless Council  
 National Healthy Start Association  
 National Hemophilia Foundation  
 National Hispanic Medical Association  
 National Institute for Children's Health Quality  
 National Latino Network of Casa de Esperanza  
 National Physician's Alliance  
 National Network of Public Health Institutes  
 National Prevention Science Coalition  
 National Recreation and Park Association  
 National Resource Center on Domestic Violence  
 The National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable  
 National WIC Association  
 National Women's Health Network  
 Native Health  
 NC SOPHE Advocacy Committee  
 Nebraska Association of Local Health Directors  
 Nemours Children's Health System  
 NephCure Kidney International  
 Nevada Public Health Association  
 New England Wellness Foundation  
 New Jersey Public Health Association  
 New Mexico Public Health Association  
 The New York Academy of Medicine  
 New York State Association of County Health Officials  
 Newington Senior and Disabled Center  
 NICHQ (National Institute for Children's Health Quality)  
 NIRSA: Leaders in Collegiate Recreation  
 NJSOPHE  
 NJ YMCA State Alliance  
 NMAC  
 North American Quitline Consortium  
 North Carolina Alliance for Health  
 Northern Illinois Public Health Consortium  
 Nurse of South Carolina  
 OASIS Institute  
 Ohio Public Health Association  
 Oklahoma Public Health Association  
 Olympic Area Agency on Aging  
 ON THE MOVE, a Community Public Health Partnership  
 Oregon Public Health Association  
 Oregon State University  
 Origins FTD, Inc.  
 Partners for a Healthier Community  
 Partners in Care Foundation  
 PATHS Education Worldwide  
 Peer Health Exchange  
 Peggy Lillis Foundation  
 Personal Assistance Services Council  
 Philly Breastfeeds  
 Planned Parenthood Federation of America  
 Presence Mercy Medical Center Health Institute  
 Prevent Blindness  
 Prevent Cancer Foundation  
 Prevention Institute  
 Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association  
 Primary Care Development Corporation  
 Primary Care Medicine & Public Health Synergy  
 Prism Health North Texas  
 Project Inform  
 Project Mend-A-House  
 Promoting Healthy  
 Protecting Arizona's Family Coalition  
 Public Health Advocates  
 Public Health Association of Nebraska  
 Public Health Association of New York City  
 Public Health Delta & Menominee Counties  
 Public Health Foundation  
 Public Health Institute  
 Public Health Solutions  
 Pulmonary Fibrosis Advocates  
 Pulmonary Hypertension Association  
 PureView Health Center  
 Quality Home Care Services

Racial and Ethnic Health  
 Disparities Coalition  
 Rails-to-Trails Conservancy  
 Raising Women's Voices for the  
 Health Care We Need  
 Region 9 Education Cooperative  
 Research!America  
 Respiratory Health Association  
 Retrofit  
 RiverStone Health  
 Rural AIDS Action Network  
 Rural Center for AIDS/STD Prevention at the  
 IU School of Public Health Bloomington  
 S2AY Rural Health Network, Inc.  
 Sacramento Black Child Development Institute  
 Safe and Healthy Communities  
 Safe Kids Worldwide  
 Safe Routes to School National Partnership  
 Safe States Alliance  
 Saint Anthony Hospital  
 Salud de Paloma  
 San Francisco AIDS Foundation  
 Sarah Samuels Center for Public Health  
 Research & Evaluation  
 Self-Management Resource Center  
 School-Based Health Alliance  
 Scleroderma Foundation  
 SCP Partners  
 Second Harvest Food Bank Santa Cruz County  
 Self-Management Resource Center  
 Senior Citizen Services of  
 Greater Tarrant County Inc.  
 Senior Resources - Agency on Aging  
 Senior Services of Snohomish County  
 Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia  
 SeniorsPlus  
 Sexuality Information and Education  
 Council of the U.S.  
 Shelby County Schools Coordinated  
 School Health  
 Shoals Community Clinic  
 Sickle Cell Disease Association/PDVC  
 Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Honor Society  
 Sleep Research Society  
 The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology  
 of America  
 Society for Public Health Education  
 Society for the Advancement of Violence  
 and Injury  
 Research (SAVIR)  
 The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology  
 of America  
 Society of Behavioral Medicine  
 South Alabama Regional Planning  
 Commission  
 South Carolina Tobacco-Free Collaborative  
 Southeast Ohio Breastfeeding Coalition  
 Southern California Public Health Association  
 Southern California Society for  
 Public Health Education  
 Southern HIV/AIDS Strategy Initiative (SASI)  
 Southwest Human Development, Inc.  
 SparksInitiatives  
 Spina Bifida Association  
 Spokane Shrinking Violet Society  
 St Clair County Health Department  
 Street Level Health Project  
 Stewart Memorial Community Hospital  
 Susan G. Komen  
 Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department  
 Tennessee Public Health Association  
 Think Bicycles of Johnson County  
 Three Rivers district Home Health  
 Thrive At Life: Working Solutions  
 Tomorrow Matters!  
 Training Resources Network, Inc.  
 Treatment Action Group  
 Tri County Health Department  
 (Greenwood Village, CO)  
 Trust for America's Health  
 Tuscola County Health Department  
 U.S. Hereditary Angioedema Association  
 United States Breastfeeding Committee  
 United Way of Tarrant County, TX  
 Universal Health Care Action Network of Ohio  
 The University of Texas M.D. Anderson  
 Cancer Center  
 Utah Public Health Association  
 Valley Program for Aging Services  
 Vermont Public Health Association  
 VillageCare  
 Village Connect



Virginia Public Health Association  
Walk San Francisco  
WalkBoston  
The Wall Las Memorias Project  
Washington State Association of Local Public  
Health Officials (WSALPHO)  
Washington State Public Health Association  
Wayne State University Center for Health and  
Community Impact  
Wellco  
WellGiG  
Wellness Institute of Greater Buffalo  
West Valley Neighborhoods Coalition  
Western Illinois Area Agency on Aging  
Western North Carolina AIDS Project  
Wholesome Wave  
Wilkes-Barre Family YMCA  
Winnechick County Board of Health  
Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging  
Wisconsin Public Health Association  
WithinReach  
Wolfson Wellness  
WomenHeart: The National Coalition for  
Women with Heart Disease  
The Women's Caucus  
Worksite Wellness LA  
YCat Yoga Therapy & Jnani Chapman's  
Integrative Medicine Service  
Yolo County (CA) Children's Alliance  
Youngstown State University  
Zero Breast Cancer