

June __, 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to warn of the dire consequences of repealing the Prevention and Public Health Fund (the Prevention Fund), which is repealed by the American Health Care Act (H.R. 1628) at the end of FY 2018.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 continues 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	American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy	American Association of Naturopathic Physicians
Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics	American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine
Action for Healthy Kids (AFHK)	American Association on Health and Disability
Active Living By Design	American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
Active Transportation Alliance	American College of Cardiology
Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research	American College of Clinical Pharmacy
ADAP Advocacy Association (aaa+)	American College of Preventive Medicine
Addiction Connections Resource	American College of Sports Medicine
Adult Congenital Heart Association	American Council on Exercise
Advancement Project California	American Diabetes Association
Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital	American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees
Advocates for Better Children's Diets	American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
African American Health Alliance	American Heart Association
AIDS Alliance for Women, Infants, Children, Youth & Families	American Immunization Registry Association
The AIDS Institute	American Indian/Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian
AIDS Research Consortium of Atlanta	APHA Caucus
AIDS United	The American Academy of HIV Medicine
Allamakee County Public Health	American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine
American Academy of HIV Medicine	American Lung Association
American Academy of Pediatrics	American Medical Student Association
American Association for Dental Research	
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases	

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 Netowrk
 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
Winnecheik 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