

# CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) COALITION

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The Honorable Daniel Inouye  
Chairman  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
S-128, Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Thad Cochran  
Ranking Member  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
S-146A, Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable David Obey  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
2358 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jerry Lewis  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1016 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Harkin  
Chairman  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee  
on Labor, HHS and Education  
131 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Todd Tiahrt  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Subcommittee  
on Labor, HHS and Education  
1016 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senators Inouye, Cochran and Harkin and Representatives Obey, Lewis and Tiahrt:

**The 101 undersigned members of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Coalition urge you to provide the highest of the approved funding levels for CDC's FY 2011 "core programs" as you work to conference the House and Senate FY 2011 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bills. This year, our coalition has advocated for an FY 2011 funding level of \$8.8 billion for CDC.** Our request reflects the support CDC will need to fulfill its core missions for fiscal year 2011. We strongly believe that the activities and programs supported by CDC are essential to protect the health of the American people.

The CDC Coalition is a nonpartisan coalition of more than 100 groups committed to strengthening our nation's 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 assure an adequate translation of new research into effective state and local programs. Coalition member groups represent millions of public health workers, researchers, clinicians, educators, and citizens served by CDC programs.

CDC is faced with unprecedented challenges and responsibilities, ranging from bioterrorism preparedness, chronic disease prevention, eliminating health disparities, combating the tobacco and obesity epidemics to helping the nation prepare for the health impacts of climate change. In addition, CDC funds community programs in injury control and violence prevention; health promotion efforts in communities including schools and workplaces; initiatives to prevent heart and lung disease, cancer, stroke, diabetes and other chronic conditions, including behavioral health conditions; improvements in nutrition and immunization; programs to monitor and combat environmental effects on health; interventions to improve oral health; prevention of birth defects; public health research; strategies to prevent antimicrobial resistance and infectious diseases; and data

collection and analysis on a host of vital statistics and other health indicators. It is notable that more than 70 percent of CDC's budget supports state and local health organizations and academic institutions.

CDC serves as the command center for our nation's public health defense system against emerging and reemerging infectious diseases. From pandemic flu preparedness and prevention activities to West Nile virus to smallpox to SARS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is the nation's -- and the world's -- expert resource and response center, coordinating communications and action and serving as the laboratory reference center. States and communities rely on CDC for accurate information and direction in a crisis or outbreak. CDC's leadership was especially critical in its efforts to provide support and guidance to state and local health departments as well as the public in its response to the 2009 H1N1 influenza virus.

In addition to playing a key role in maintaining a strong public health infrastructure and protecting Americans from public health threats and emergencies, the CDC Coalition believes that CDC programs will continue to play a crucial role in reducing healthcare costs and improving the public's health as Congress and the Administration move forward with implementation of the Affordable Care Act. **We are grateful for your support in the past and urge you to provide the highest of the funding increases proposed by the House and Senate for CDC's "core programs" in fiscal year 2011.**

Sincerely,

AIDS Action  
AIDS Foundation of Chicago  
AIDS Institute  
AIDS Project Los Angeles  
American Association of Colleges of Nursing  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Academy of Periodontology  
American Association for Health Education  
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases  
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy  
American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine  
American Association of Public Health Dentistry  
American College of Clinical Pharmacy  
American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
American Dental Association  
American Dental Education Association  
American Dental Hygienists' Association  
American Diabetes Association  
American Heart Association  
American Lung Association  
American Medical Student Association  
American Medical Women's Association  
American Occupational Therapy Association  
American Optometric Association  
American Physical Therapy Association, Inc.  
American Podiatric Medical Association  
American Psychological Association  
American Public Health Association  
American School Health Association

American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy  
American Society for Microbiology  
American Society for Reproductive Medicine  
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene  
American Thoracic Society  
Arthritis Foundation  
Association for Prevention Teaching and Research  
Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc.  
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs  
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools  
Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry  
Association of Schools of Public Health  
Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors  
Association of State and Territorial Health Officials  
Association of University Centers on Disabilities  
Association for Clinical Research Training  
Association for Patient-Oriented Research  
Benign Essential Blepharospasm Research Foundation  
Campaign for Public Health  
Charles Drew University  
Children's Environmental Health Network  
Clinical Research Forum  
Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America  
Coalition for Health Services Research  
Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service  
Cooley's Anemia Foundation  
Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists  
Digestive Disease National Coalition  
Dystonia Advocacy Network  
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation  
Easter Seals  
Emergency Nurses Association  
Epilepsy Foundation  
Eta Sigma Gamma  
Family Voices  
Friends of NCHS  
Health Professions Network  
Hepatitis Foundation International  
Immune Deficiency Foundation  
Infectious Diseases Society of America  
Interstitial Cystitis Association  
Jeffrey Modell Foundation  
March of Dimes Foundation  
Meharry Medical College  
Mental Health America  
Morehouse School of Medicine  
National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors  
National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems  
National Association for Sport and Physical Education  
National Association of Chronic Disease Directors  
National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities  
National Association of County and City Health Officials

National Association of Local Boards of Health  
National Coalition of STD Directors  
National Council on Independent Living  
National Hemophilia Foundation  
National Hispanic Medical Association  
National Marfan Foundation  
National Multiple Sclerosis Society  
National Recreation and Park Association  
National Spasmodic Dysphonia Association  
OraSure Technologies  
Partnership for Prevention  
Prevent Blindness America  
Pulmonary Hypertension Association  
Scleroderma Foundation  
Sexuality Information and Education Council of the U.S. (SIECUS)  
Society for Clinical and Translational Science  
Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America  
Society for Public Health Education  
Special Olympics International  
St/Dystonia, Inc.  
St. George's University School of Medicine  
TASH  
Trust for America's Health  
WomenHeart: The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease  
YMCA of the USA

Cc:

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
The Honorable Harry Reid  
The Honorable John Boehner  
The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
House Appropriations Committee  
Senate Appropriations Committee