CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) COALITION C/o American Public Health Association (202) 777-2514 www.cdccoalition.org

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The Honorable Hal Rogers Chairman House Committee on Appropriations Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman House Appropriations Subcommittee Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Nita Lowey Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Appropriations Subcommittee on on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairmen Rogers and Cole and Ranking Members Lowey and DeLauro:

The undersigned members of the CDC Coalition and other supporting state and national organizations urge you to provide at least \$7.8 billion in full-year FY 2017 funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's programs as you work to develop a final FY 2017 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations bill or other final FY 2017 spending legislation. We also urge you to restore any cuts to important CDC programs that were included in the bills passed by House and Senate Appropriations Committees earlier this year and to reject the inclusion of any controversial policy riders that would threaten public health. We believe that Congress should prioritize funding for all of the activities and programs supported by CDC that are essential to protect the health of the American people.

The CDC Coalition is a nonpartisan coalition of organizations committed to strengthening our nation's public health infrastructure and 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 serves as the command center for the nation's public health defense system against emerging and reemerging infectious diseases. From aiding in the surveillance, detection and prevention of the Zika virus to playing a lead role in the control of Ebola in West Africa and detecting and responding to cases in the U.S., to monitoring and investigating last year's multistate measles outbreak to pandemic flu preparedness, CDC 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, communities and the international community rely on CDC for accurate information and direction in a crisis or outbreak. CDC is faced with unprecedented challenges and responsibilities ranging from emergency preparedness, chronic disease prevention, to combating the tobacco and obesity epidemics. CDC funds programs for injury control and violence prevention; global health security; health promotion in schools and workplaces; the prevention of diabetes, heart disease, stroke, cancer, lung disease and other chronic diseases; nutrition and physical activity; immunization; environmental health, including the prevention of childhood lead poisoning; oral health; reducing health disparities; preventing infant mortality, birth defects and disabilities; preventing antimicrobial resistance; preventing prescription drug overdose and public health research and health statistics. It is notable that more than 70 percent of CDC's budget supports public health and prevention activities by state and local health organizations and agencies, national public health pattners and academic institutions.

In addition to ensuring a strong public health infrastructure and protecting Americans from public health threats and emergencies, CDC programs are crucial to reducing health care costs and improving health. Despite the progress CDC has made to meet these needs, the agency's programs have been woefully underfunded to confront the myriad public health issues facing the nation. We urge you to support a funding level of at least \$7.8 billion for CDC programs in FY 2017.

Please contact Don Hoppert at donald.hoppert@apha.org or 202-777-2514 with any questions regarding our request.

Sincerely,

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics AcademyHealth Alabama Public Health Association American Academy of Pediatrics American Association for Dental Research American Association of Colleges of Nursing American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy American Association on Health and Disability (AAHD) American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network American College of Preventive Medicine American Diabetes Association American Heart Association American Lung Association American Optometric Association American Psychological Association American Public Health Association American Society for Clinical Pathology American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy American Society for Reproductive Medicine American Thoracic Society Arkansas Public Health Association Arthritis Foundation Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology

Association of Black Cardiologists Association of Minority Health Professions Schools, Inc. Association of Public Health Laboratories Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health Association of State and Territorial Health Officials Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America Center for Science in the Public Interest Children's Environmental Health Network **Coalition for Health Funding** Colorado Public Health Association Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service, Inc. (COA) Community Health Partners of Sioux County Cooley's Anemia Foundation Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America Delaware Academy of Medicine / Delaware Public Health Association **Digestive Disease National Coalition** Dystonia Medical Research Foundation **Epilepsy Foundation GBS**|CIDP Foundation International Green & Healthy Homes Initiative Hawaii Public Health Association Healthcare Ready **HealthHIV** Healthy Teen Network Hepatitis Foundation International HIV Medicine Association IC&RC Illinois Public Health Association Infectious Diseases Society of America Interstitial Cystitis Association Iowa Public Health Association Lakeshore Foundation Lung Cancer Alliance Maine Public Health Association March of Dimes Meharry Medical College Michigan Public Health Association Minnesota Public Health Association Missouri Public Health Association Montana Public Health Association Morehouse School of Medicine NAPHSIS: National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD) National Alopecia Areata Foundation

National Association of Chronic Disease Directors National Association of County and City Health Officials National Coalition for LGBT Health National Environmental Health Association National Network of Public Health Institutes National Recreation and Park Association National Safety Council National Violence Prevention Network NephCure Kidney International Nevada Public Health Association New Mexico Public Health Association New York State Public Health Association North Carolina Public Health Association North Dakota Public Health Association Ohio Public Health Association **Oklahoma Public Health Association Oregon Public Health Association Prevent Blindness** Public Health Association of Nebraska Public Health Association of New York City Public Health Institute Pulmonary Hypertension Association Research!America Safe States Alliance Scleroderma Foundation Sexuality Information and Education Council of the U.S. (SIECUS) Sleep Research Society South Carolina Public Health Association South Dakota Public Health Association Southern California Public Health Association Tennessee Public Health Association The AIDS Institute The Marfan Foundation The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America Trust for America's Health Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine, Nursing and Allied Health US Hereditary Angioedema Association Washington State Public Health Association Wisconsin Public Health Association WomenHeart: The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease Wyoming Public Health Association YMCA of the USA

Cc: The Honorable Paul Ryan The Honorable Nancy Pelosi House Appropriations Committee