



May 13, 2025

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human  
Services, Education and Related Agencies  
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human  
Services, Education and Related Agencies  
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The Honorable Robert Aderholt  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human  
Services, Education and Related Agencies  
U.S. House Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chair Capito, Ranking Member Baldwin, Chairman Aderholt and Ranking Member DeLauro:

On behalf of the 69 undersigned organizations, we are writing to express our strong opposition to the President's fiscal year 2026 budget proposal that would eliminate the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This proposal undermines the Secretary of Health and Human Services' (HHS) stated goal to measurably reduce chronic disease in America.

Together, our organizations represent and advocate for millions of patients, consumers and others who face serious, acute, and chronic health conditions. The CDC was originally tasked with the surveillance, detection, and prevention of communicable diseases, which were the most pressing public health issues of that time. It has since evolved to also address the nation's current greatest public health challenge: non-communicable diseases. Chronic diseases such as heart disease,

cancer, chronic lung diseases, stroke, Alzheimer's, and diabetes account for seven of the 10 leading causes of death in America, and for more than 90% of our nation's healthcare costs. Addressing these conditions must remain a core function at CDC.

The administration's reduction in force efforts have already led to the elimination of critical programs within NCCDPHP, including the Office on Smoking and Health, and invaluable programs including Arthritis, Alzheimer's, Chronic Disease Education and Awareness and Epilepsy. CDC's largest investment in the health of American Indians and Alaskan Natives, the Healthy Tribes program, was eliminated, in addition to the National Asthma Control Program and the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. Our organizations urge Congress to restore all of these.

The burden of chronic diseases is growing faster than our ability to slow it, putting an increasing strain on the health care system, health care costs, our productivity, educational outcomes, military readiness, and well-being. Investments in public health and prevention efforts are essential to improving the nation's health status, reducing healthcare costs, and maintaining a strong, ready and productive nation. The programs within the CDC's NCCDPHP work with states and territories to prevent disease, detect it early, and manage it effectively – delivering measurable returns on investment while saving lives.

Our organizations are united in our long-standing support of CDC's NCCDPHP as a key pillar of our nation's public health system. Eliminating the NCCDPHP would destabilize public health systems at every level and jeopardize decades of progress. CDC's chronic disease activities and programs are crucial for state and local public health departments, to which 75% of all CDC dollars go, all of which play an essential role in protecting the public's health in our communities.

We call on Congress to reject the proposed elimination of the NCCDPHP and ask instead that the Congress restore the programs that were previously eliminated, maintain the NCCDPHP and invest in chronic disease prevention at CDC. We also urge you to prevent any further delays, reductions, eliminations, and impoundments of appropriated funding for these programs. Our organizations stand with you in the efforts to build a healthier nation.

Sincerely,

Accessia Health  
American Association of Colleges of  
Nursing  
American Association of Neuromuscular  
& Electrodagnostic Medicine  
American Cancer Society Cancer Action  
Network  
American Clinical Neurophysiology  
Society (ACNS)  
American College of Gastroenterology  
American Gastroenterological  
Association  
American Heart Association  
American Lung Association  
Arthritis Foundation

Association of Minority Health  
Professions Schools  
Big Cities Health Coalition  
Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids  
Celiac Disease Foundation  
CFC International  
Child Neurology Foundation  
Coalition to Cure CHD2  
Coalition to Transform Clinical Trial  
Engagement  
Color of Gastrointestinal Illnesses (COGI)  
Community Liver Alliance  
CureSHANK  
Danny Did Epilepsy Foundation  
Digestive Disease National Coalition

Endocrine Society  
Epilepsies Action Network (EAN)  
Epilepsy Alliance America  
Epilepsy Foundation of America  
Epilepsy Services of New Jersey  
Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research  
GABA-A Alliance  
Global Liver Institute  
GO2 for Lung Cancer  
Good Days  
GRIN2B Foundation  
Head for the Cure  
Hope Charities  
Hope for HIE  
Hope for Hypothalamic Hamartomas  
Interstitial Cystitis Association of America  
LUNGeivity Foundation  
Lupus and Allied Diseases Association,  
Inc.  
Lymphatic Education & Research  
Network  
Mission MSA  
National Association of Pediatric Nurse  
Practitioners  
National Complete Streets Coalition  
National Eczema Association

National League for Nursing  
National Minority Health Association  
Oley Foundation  
Partners Against Mortality in Epilepsy  
(PAME)  
Pediatric Epilepsy Research Consortium  
Periodic Paralysis Association  
Phelan-McDermid Syndrome Foundation  
Prevent Blindness  
Project CASK  
Project Sleep  
Rare Epilepsy Network Coordinating  
Committee  
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation  
SLC6A1 Connect  
Sleep Health and Wellness Center  
Sleep Research Society  
Smart Growth America  
SynGAP Research Fund dba CURE  
SYNGAP1  
The National Pancreas Foundation  
Trust for America's Health  
TSC Alliance  
United Ostomy Associations of America  
Us Against Alzheimer's  
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