

May 2, 2024

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health & Human  
Services, Education and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC

The Honorable Shelly Moore Capito  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health & Human  
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Dear Chair Baldwin and Ranking Member Moore Capito:

Chronic diseases, such as heart disease, cancer, chronic lung diseases, stroke, Alzheimer's, and diabetes account for most deaths in the United States and globally and are the major drivers of sickness, disability, and account for over 86% of health care costs in the nation. They are responsible for seven out of 10 deaths among Americans each year, and they are the leading drivers of the nation's \$4.1 trillion in annual health care costs.

As Congress works to draft the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies (Labor-HHS) appropriations legislation for fiscal year (FY) 2025, the 90 undersigned organizations request **\$11.581 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** which, together with its National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP), works to prevent chronic diseases and promote health and wellness for all in communities throughout the nation.

Together, our organizations represent the 6 in 10 people in America—millions of patients and consumers—who face serious, acute, and chronic health conditions.<sup>1</sup> We have a unique perspective on what individuals and families need to prevent disease, cure illness, and manage chronic health conditions. Proven chronic disease interventions can be cost-effective in terms of longer life and better quality of life.

NCCDPHP promotes chronic disease prevention efforts in four key areas:

- Measuring how many Americans have chronic diseases or chronic disease risk factors.
- Improving environments to make it easier for people to make healthy choices.
- Strengthening health care systems to deliver prevention services that keep people well and diagnose diseases early.
- Connecting clinical services to community programs that help people prevent and manage their chronic diseases and conditions.

A robust CDC and NCCDPHP are essential to mitigating the increasing threat that chronic diseases pose to individuals living in America—including rising rates of obesity, tobacco use, alcohol use, and sedentary behavior. A robust investment, appropriate to the magnitude of the problem, will allow CDC and NCCDPHP to fulfill its mission by expanding the current patchwork of existing programs to all jurisdictions nationwide and address emerging health challenges.

Thank you for your consideration of our request, and we look forward to working with you to improve and protect health. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Liz Ruth at [lruth@chronicdisease.org](mailto:lruth@chronicdisease.org) at the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors.

American Association of Colleges of Nursing  
American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine  
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN)  
American Heart Association  
American Kidney Fund  
American Lung Association  
American Public Health Association  
Arthritis Foundation  
Association for Clinical and Translational Science  
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs  
Association of State and Territorial Health Officials  
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America  
Big Cities Health Coalition  
CACNA1A Foundation  
Child Neurology Foundation  
Clinical Research Forum  
Coalition for Clinical and Translational Science  
CSNK2A1 Foundation  
CURE Epilepsy  
CureSHANK  
Danny Did Foundation  
Dup15q Alliance  
Empowering People's Independence  
Endocrine Society  
Epilepsies Action Network (EAN)  
Epilepsy Alliance America  
Epilepsy Alliance North Carolina  
Epilepsy Alliance Ohio  
Epilepsy Association of Western and Central PA  
Epilepsy Foundation  
Epilepsy Information Service of Wake Forest School of Medicine  
Epilepsy Leadership Council  
Epilepsy Services Foundation, Inc.  
Epilepsy Support Network of OC  
Food is Medicine Institute at Tufts University  
GABA-A Alliance  
Gaucher Community Alliance  
Good Days  
GRIN2B Foundation  
Hereditary Angioedema Association  
Hope Charities  
Hope For Hypothalamic Hamartomas  
JoshProvides Epilepsy Assistance Foundation

Koolen-de Vries Syndrome Foundation  
Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome (LGS) Foundation  
Lupus and Allied Diseases Association, Inc.  
MED13L Foundation  
METAvivor  
National Association of Chronic Disease Directors  
National Association of County and City Health Officials  
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners  
National Eczema Association  
National Kidney Foundation  
National League for Nursing  
National Minority Health Association  
National Network of Public Health Institutes  
NYU Langone HHealth  
Platelet Disorder Support Association  
PPP3CA Hope Foundation  
Prevent Blindness  
Project Sleep  
Provention Health Foundation  
Rare Epilepsy Network  
RASopathies Network  
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation  
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Society for Public Health Education  
Society for Women's Health Research  
Sofie's Journey  
South Carolina Advocates For Epilepsy  
STXBP1 Foundation  
SynGAP Research Fund  
SynGAP Research Fund  
Tatton Brown Rahman Syndrome Community  
The FamilieSCN2A Foundation  
The National Pancreas Foundation  
Trust for America's Health  
TSC Alliance  
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