

## **IT'S TIME TO MAKE PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING** **A NATIONAL PRIORITY**

February 26, 2007

Dear Member of Congress:

The investment in disease prevention and health promotion for all Americans needs to grow, as our nation struggles with escalating health care costs, growing numbers of uninsured, and the prospect of declining health measured by overall morbidity and mortality. Over the past four years we have seen a decrease in that investment. The President's budget for FY 2008 continues to seriously underfund and undermine an important part of the solution: public health activities and programs.

While the final FY 2007 funding resolution provided needed increases to selected programs, most public health programs were held at FY 2006 funding levels. The undersigned organizations urge you to increase funding for public health through the Function 550/discretionary budget allocation in Fiscal Year 2008 by an amount that will restore funding cuts to public health programs enacted in FY 2006, and restore lost purchasing power. It is estimated that an additional \$4 billion, 7.8 percent, will be needed in FY 2008 to meet that goal and reverse the erosion of support for the continuum of biomedical, behavioral and health services research, community-based disease prevention and health promotion, basic and targeted services for the medically uninsured and those with disabilities, health professions education, and robust regulation of the nation's food and drug supply.

Our recommendation does not include, but rather is over and above, emergency funding requests.

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Sincerely,

Academy of General Dentistry  
Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research  
Administrators of Internal Medicine  
Affymetrix, Inc.  
AIDS Action Committee  
AIDS Action Council  
AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth & Families  
AIDS Project Los Angeles  
Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine

Alliance for Aging Research  
Alpha-1 Association  
Alpha-1 Foundation  
Alzheimer's Association  
Ambulatory Pediatric Association  
American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology  
American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry  
American Academy of Dermatology Association  
American Academy of Family Physicians

American Academy of HIV Medicine  
 American Academy of Neurology  
 American Academy of Nurse Practitioners  
 American Academy of Nursing  
 American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons  
 American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry  
 American Academy of Pediatrics  
 American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation  
 American Academy of Physician Assistants  
 American Association for Cancer Research  
 American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry  
 American Association for Health Education  
 American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy  
 American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases  
 American Association for the Surgery of Trauma  
 American Association for Thoracic Surgery  
 American Association of Neurological Surgeons  
 American Diabetes Association  
 American Pain Foundation  
 American Society for Human Genetics  
 American Society for Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics  
 American Society for Reproductive Medicine  
 American Society of Pediatric Nephrology  
 American Association of Anatomists  
 American Association of Colleges of Nursing  
 American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine  
 American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy  
 American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine  
 American Association of Immunologists  
 American Association of Neurological Surgeons  
 American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons  
 American Association of People with Disabilities  
 American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities  
 American Brain Coalition  
 American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network  
 American College Health Association  
 American College of Clinical Pharmacology  
 American College of Clinical Pharmacy  
 American College of Emergency Medicine  
 American College of Medical Genetics  
 American College of Neuropsychopharmacology  
 American College of Nurse Practitioners  
 American College of Nurse-Midwives  
 American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
 American College of Osteopathic Internists  
 American College of Physicians  
 American College of Preventive Medicine  
 American College of Surgeons  
 American Dance Therapy Association  
 American Dental Association  
 American Dental Education Association  
 American Dental Hygienists' Association  
 American Dietetic Association  
 American Federation for Medical Research  
 American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees  
 American Gastroenterological Association  
 American Geriatrics Society  
 American Heart Association  
 American Hospital Association  
 American Lung Association  
 American Medical Association  
 American Medical Student Association  
 American Mental Health Counselors Association  
 American Music Therapy Association  
 American Nephrology Nurses' Association  
 American Nurses Association  
 American Occupational Therapy Association  
 American Optometric Association  
 American Orthopaedic Association  
 American Osteopathic Association  
 American Pediatric Society  
 American Pharmacists Association  
 American Physical Therapy Association  
 American Physiological Society  
 American Podiatric Medical Association  
 American Psychiatric Association  
 American Psychological Association  
 American Public Health Association  
 American Radiological Nursing Association  
 American Social Health Association  
 American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
 American Society for Cell Biology  
 American Society for Investigative Pathology  
 American Society for Microbiology  
 American Society for Nutrition  
 American Society of Clinical Oncology  
 American Society of Hematology  
 American Society of Nephrology  
 American Society of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology  
 American Society of Transplantation  
 American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene  
 American Sociological Association  
 American Telemedicine Association  
 American Thoracic Society  
 American Trauma Society  
 Americans for Medical Progress  
 America's Blood Centers  
 amfAR, The Foundation for AIDS Research  
 Amputee Coalition of America  
 Angioma Alliance  
 AO North America  
 Aplastic Anemia & MDS International Foundation  
 Arthritis Foundation  
 ASD Healthcare  
 Association for Clinical Research Training  
 Association for Prevention Teaching and Research

Association for Psychological Science  
 Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology  
 Association of Academic Health Centers  
 Association of Academic Psychiatrists  
 Association of Air Medical Services  
 Association of American Cancer Institutes  
 Association of American Medical Colleges  
 Association of American Physicians  
 Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges  
 Association of Chiropractic Colleges  
 Association of Departments of Family Medicine  
 Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors  
 Association of Independent Research Institutes  
 Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs  
 Association of Medical School Pediatric Department  
 Chairs  
 Association of Medical School Pharmacology Chairs  
 Association of Minority Health Professions Schools  
 Association of Organ Procurement Organizations  
 Association of Pathology Chairs  
 Association of Population Centers  
 Association of Professors of Medicine  
 Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine  
 Association of Public Health Laboratories  
 Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions  
 Association of Schools of Public Health  
 Association of Specialty Professors  
 Association of State and Territorial Health Officials  
 Association of University Centers on Disabilities  
 Association of University Professors of Neurology  
 Association of University Programs in Health  
 Administration  
 Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal  
 Nurses  
 Associations of Professors of Dermatology  
 Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America  
 Autism Society of America  
 Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law  
 Bedford Stuyvesant/Crown Heights HIV Care Network  
 Biophysical Society  
 Biotechnology Industry Organization  
 Boston University School of Medicine  
 Boys Town National Research Hospital  
 Brain Injury Association of America  
 Brown University  
 Campaign for Medical Research  
 Campaign for Public Health  
 Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids  
 Cancer Research Fund / VHL Alliance  
 Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation  
 CARES Foundation, Inc.  
 Cedars-Sinai Health System  
 Celiac Sprue Association  
 Center for Emerging Technologies  
 Center for Science in the Public Interest  
 Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science  
 Child Neurology Society  
 Christopher Reeve Foundation  
 Clerkship Directors in Internal Medicine  
 Coalition for American Trauma Care  
 Coalition for Health Funding  
 Coalition for Health Services Research  
 Coalition for Pulmonary Fibrosis  
 Coalition for Pulmonary Fibrosis  
 Coalition for the Advancement of Health Through  
 Behavioral and Social Sciences Research  
 Coalition to Protect Research  
 Coalition of Heritable Disorders of Connective Tissue  
 Coalition to Protect Research  
 Columbia University Medical Center  
 Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public  
 Health Service  
 Community Health Partnership: Oregon's Public Health  
 Institute  
 Community HIV/AIDS Mobilization Project  
 Community Mental Health Council  
 Congress of Neurological Surgeons  
 Consortium of Social Science Associations  
 Cooley's Anemia Foundation  
 COPD Foundation  
 Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics  
 Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists  
 Critical Illness and Trauma Foundation  
 Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America  
 Cutaneous Lymphoma Foundation  
 Cystic Fibrosis Foundation  
 Digestive Disease National Coalition  
 Directors of Health Promotion and Education  
 Duke University Medical Center  
 Dystonia Medical Research Foundation  
 East Coast Greenway Alliance  
 Easter Seals  
 Epilepsy Foundation  
 ESA, Inc.  
 Eta Sigma Gamma  
 FAIR Foundation  
 Families USA  
 FamilyCook Productions  
 Federation of American Societies for Experimental  
 Biology  
 Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health  
 Fitness Forward  
 Friends of Cancer Research  
 Friends of NIDA  
 General Clinical Research Centers Program Directors  
 Association  
 Genetic Alliance  
 Genetic Alliance BioBank  
 Genetics Society of Americas  
 Grifols, Inc.  
 Harvard University  
 Health and Wellness Department

Healthcare Association of New York State	National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors
Healthy Maine Walks Coalition	National Association of Local Boards of Health
Heart Rhythm Society	National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems
Hepatitis Foundation International	National Association of Social Workers
HETC Program Directors Coalition	National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors
HHT Foundation International	National Association of State Head Injury Administrators
HIV Medicine Association	National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors
HLRCC Family Alliance	National Athletic Trainers' Association
Huntington's Disease Society of America	National Black Church Initiative
Hydrocephalus Association	National Black Nurses Association
IDEA Health & Fitness Association	National Business Coalition on Health
Immunization Action Coalition	National Caucus of Basic Biomedical Science Chairs
Infectious Diseases Society of America	National Coalition for LGBT Health
Intermountain Injury Control Research Center	National Conference of Gerontological Nurse Practitioners
International Association of Medical Science Educators	National Council for Diversity in the Health Professions
International Foundation for Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders	National Down Syndrome Society
International Myeloma Foundation	National Eczema Association
Jewish Genetic Disease Consortium	National EMS Information System Technical Assistance Center
Johns Hopkins Institutions	National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association
Joint Steering Committee for Public Policy	National Gerontological Nursing Organization
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation	National Health Council
Lance Armstrong Foundation	National Hemophilia Foundation
Lupus Research Institute National Coalition	National Hispanic Medical Association
Lymphoma Research Foundation	National Kidney Foundation
March of Dimes Foundation	National Marfan Foundation
Matria Healthcare, Inc.	National Network of Health Career Programs
Mecklenburg Council on Health and Fitness	National Organization for Rare Disorders
Medical Library Association/ Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries	National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health
Medicine-Pediatrics Program Directors Association	National Osteoporosis Foundation
Meharry Medical College	National Primate Research Centers
Mental Health America	National Psoriasis Foundation
Mental Health Liaison Group	National Recreation and Park Association
Morehouse School of Medicine	National Rural Health Association
Mount Sinai Medical Center	National Rural Recruitment and Retention Network
Musculoskeletal Tumor Society	National Sleep Foundation
NAADAC, The Association for Addiction Professionals	National Tay-Sachs & Allied Diseases Association, Inc.
NASULGC, A Public University Association	National WIC Association
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research	NBIA Disorders Association
National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors	NephCure Foundation
National Alliance on Mental Illness	New York AIDS Coalition
National Alopecia Areata Foundation	New York Coalition for Healthy School Foods
National Area Health Education Centers Organization	New York Stem Cell Foundation
National Association for Biomedical Research	North American Primary Care Research Group
National Association for Children's Behavioral Health	North American Brain Tumor Coalition
National Association for Geriatric Education	Northern Nevada Genetic Counseling
National Association for Geriatric Education Centers	Northwestern University
National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems	NYU Hospitals
National Association for Sport and Physical Education	NYU School of Medicine
National Association of Medical Minority Educators, Inc.	Ohio State University Medical Center
National Association of Children's Hospitals	
National Association of Chronic Disease Directors	
National Association of Community Health Centers	
National Association of County and City Health Officials	

Oncology Nursing Society  
OraSure Technologies, Inc.  
Orthopaedic Trauma Association  
Ovarian Cancer National Alliance  
Partners for a Healthy Nevada  
PKD Foundation  
Population Association of America  
Prevent Blindness America  
Produce for Better Health Foundation  
Project Inform  
Pulmonary Hypertension Association  
PXE International  
Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology  
Society of North America  
Research Institute for Independent Living  
Research!America  
Save ADAP, Inc.  
SC Coalition for Promoting Physical Activity  
School Health Education and Services Section, APHA  
Sexuality Information and Education Council of the U.S.  
Shock Society  
Sjögren's Syndrome Foundation  
Society for Adolescent Medicine  
Society for Investigative Dermatology  
Society for Neuroscience  
Society for Pediatric Research  
Society for Public Health Education  
Society for Research in Child Development  
Society for Women's Health Research  
Society of General Internal Medicine  
Society of Gynecologic Oncologists  
Society of Hospital Medicine  
Society of Interventional Radiology  
Society of Teachers of Family Medicine  
Society of Trauma Nurses  
Spina Bifida Association  
St. George's University School of Medicine  
Stanford University School of Medicine  
Steps to a Healthier New Orleans  
Stony Brook University Medical Center  
Suicide Prevention Action Network USA  
SUNY Upstate Medical University, Syracuse  
Teen Screen  
The AIDS Institute  
The American Geriatrics Society  
The Arc of the United States  
United Cerebral Palsy  
The Cooper Institute  
The Endocrine Society  
The Gerontological Society of America  
The Jeffrey Modell Foundation  
The Learning Disabilities Association of America  
The Progeria Research Foundation, Inc.  
The Sturge-Weber Foundation  
Therapeutic Communities of America  
Title II Community AIDS National Network  
Trauma Managers Association of California  
Trisomy 18 Foundation  
Trust for America's Health  
United States Water Fitness Association  
University of Chicago  
University of Florida Health Science Center  
University of Illinois Chicago College of Medicine  
University of Minnesota  
University of Nebraska Medical Center  
University of Rochester  
University of Washington  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Vanderbilt University Medical Center  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center  
Washington State Association of Local Public Health  
Officials  
Wound Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society  
Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine  
Yale University  
YMCA of the USA

