

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
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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.¹ 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 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
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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 Health
Platelet Disorder Support Association
PPP3CA Hope Foundation
Prevent Blindness
Project Sleep
Provention Health Foundation
Rare Epilepsy Network
RASopathies Network
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Ring14 USA
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SMC1A 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
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Tatton Brown Rahman Syndrome Community
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