

# Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Coalition

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The Honorable David Obey  
Chairman  
Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services,  
and Education  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2358 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Coalition, comprising more than 100 national organizations, requests the opportunity to testify before your subcommittee about the fiscal year 2008 appropriation for the CDC.

The CDC Coalition is a nonpartisan association of groups committed to strengthening public health programs. Our mission is to assure 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 CDC research into effective state and local programs.

By translating research findings into effective intervention efforts, CDC has been a key source of funding for many of our state and local programs that aim to improve the health of communities. Perhaps more importantly, federal funding through CDC provides the foundation for our state and local public health departments, supporting a trained workforce, laboratory capacity and public health education communications systems. In addition, CDC serves as the command center for our nation's public health defense system against emerging and reemerging infectious diseases including a potential worldwide influenza pandemic. CDC has become the nation's—and the world's—expert resource and response center, coordinating communications and action and serving as the laboratory reference center. States and communities rely on CDC for accurate information and direction in a crisis or outbreak.

We are grateful for your support of these and other CDC programs, and we look forward to working with you to assure the strongest preparedness programs, as well as programs to prevent the illnesses, injuries and deaths that affect Americans every day.

If we are selected to testify, please contact Don Hoppert, Director of Government Relations at the American Public Health Association, 202/777-2514 or by email at [donald.hoppert@apha.org](mailto:donald.hoppert@apha.org), who will arrange a witness on our behalf. We thank you very much for your consideration, and look forward to hearing your response.

Sincerely,

## Members of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Coalition

Advocates for Youth  
AIDS Action  
AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth and Families  
AIDS Foundation Chicago  
Alliance to End Childhood Lead Poisoning  
American Academy of Ophthalmology  
American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Association for Health Education  
American Cancer Society  
American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine  
American College of Preventive Medicine  
American Diabetes Association  
American Dietetic Association  
American Foundation for AIDS Research  
American Heart Association  
American Lung Association  
American Optometric Association  
American Podiatric Medical Association  
American Psychological Association  
American Psychological Society  
American Public Health Association  
American Red Cross  
American School Health Association  
American Social Health Association  
American Society for Microbiology  
American Society for Reproductive Health  
American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy  
American Society of Clinical Pathologists  
American Thoracic Society  
American Urological Association c/o MARC Assoc.  
Arthritis Foundation  
Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum  
Association for Professionals in Infection Control & Epidemiology  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs  
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools  
Association of Public Health Laboratories  
Association of Reproductive Health Professionals  
Association of Schools of Public Health  
Association of State and Territorial Chronic Disease Program Directors  
Association of State and Territorial Health Officials  
Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine  
Association of University Programs in Occupational Health Safety  
Barbara Levine & Associates  
Brain Injury Association  
CDC Foundation  
Center for Science in the Public Interest  
Center for the Advancement of Health  
Coalition for Health Funding  
Coalition for Health Services Research  
Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service  
Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities  
Consortium of Social Science Associations  
Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics  
Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists  
Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America  
Environmental Defense  
ESA, Inc  
Every Child By Two  
Gay and Lesbian Medical Association  
George Washington School of Public Health & Health Services  
Health Statistics Support Task Force  
Hepatitis Foundation International  
Immune Deficiency Foundation  
Infectious Diseases Society of America  
International Safety Equipment Association  
Latino Council on Alcohol & Tobacco  
Legal Action Center  
March of Dimes  
National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors  
National Association for Public Health Statistics & Information Systems  
National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Directors  
National Association of Children's Hospitals  
National Association of County and City Health Officials  
National Association of Developmental Disability Councils  
National Association of Local Boards of Health  
National Association of School Nurses  
National Black Nurses Association  
National Coalition for the Homeless  
National Coalition of STD Directors  
National Council of La Raza

National Episcopal AIDS Coalition  
National Family Planning and Reproductive  
Health Association  
National Foundation for Infectious Disease &  
National Coalition for Adult Immunization  
National Health Care for the Homeless Council  
National Hemophilia Foundation  
National Medical Association  
National Network for Youth  
National Partnership for Immunization  
National Recreation and Park Association  
National Rural Health Association  
National Safe Kids Campaign  
Natural Resources Defense Council  
Partnership for Prevention  
Powers, Pyles, Sutter and Verville

Research!America  
Research to Prevention  
Society for the Psychological Study of Social  
Issues  
Society for Maternal/Fetal Medicine  
Society for Public Health Education  
Society of State Directors of Health, Physical  
Education and Recreation  
Spina Bifida Association of America  
The Alan Guttmacher Institute  
Trust for America's Health  
United Cerebral Palsy  
U.S. Conference of Mayors  
YWCA of the USA/Office of Women's Health  
Initiative