



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
CHRONIC DISEASE DIRECTORS

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The Honorable Roy Blunt
Chairman
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee
on Labor, Health and Human Services,
Services, Education and Related Agencies
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray
Ranking Member
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee
on Labor, Health and Human
Education and Related Agencies
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
House Appropriations Subcommittee
on Labor, Health and Human Services,
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Subcommittee
on Labor, Health and Human
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Blunt and Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Members Murray and Cole:

On behalf of the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD), I am writing to thank you for your continued support for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the appropriations process. NACDD appreciates your leadership in the Subcommittees' commitment to many of the critical CDC programs in the FY 2020 Labor-HHS-Education bill.

In particular, we want to thank you for maintaining the categorical funding of programs within the Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion at the CDC. Programs within this Center provide resources and technical expertise to state health departments in support of interventions to prevent and control chronic disease and promote positive wellbeing. These initiatives address our nation's leading causes of death and disability – heart disease, stroke, cancer, diabetes and arthritis – which have a disproportionate burden on our nation's health care expenditures.

Looking to final FY 2020 funding decisions, we applaud the House proposed increases to the Diabetes, Heart Disease and Stroke, the Division of Nutrition and Physical Activity budget lines as well as other important programs at the Chronic Center. We also appreciate sustained funding for Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant. We hope those funding levels will be sustained in the final Labor-HHS-Education bill.

NACDD is the single voice of state health department chronic disease prevention and control professionals. Representing over 7,000 specialized professionals in every state and territory, NACDD works in states and communities to promote health and prevent disease. We thank you again for your leadership and support of public health and prevention – one of the important keys to improving American's health and controlling costs.

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Sincerely,



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