

United States Senate

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The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on
Labor, Health and Human Services,
Education, and Related Agencies
United States Senate
170 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
Ranking Member
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on
Labor, Health and Human Services,
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United States Senate
136 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Capito and Ranking Member Baldwin,

As you begin work on the fiscal year 2027 (FY27) Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, we respectfully request a robust investment in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC, or the "Injury Center"). The Injury Center plays a critical role in protecting the health and safety of Americans nationwide by allocating more than 80 percent of its funds directly to local injury and violence prevention programs.

Each year, injuries and violence account for more than 300,000 deaths in the U.S. and cost more than \$4 trillion. These deaths, which include suicide and overdose, are largely preventable. A healthier America depends on understanding the factors that contribute to these deaths and developing effective interventions through reliable data, thoughtful research, and strong state infrastructure. CDC Injury Center programs partner with state and local government to address public health threats, and robust funding is needed to ensure these lifesaving programs can continue. These programs include:

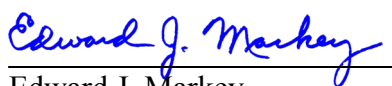
- **The National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS)** is the world's leading violent death surveillance system and through the collection of data from death certificates, law enforcement reports, coroner reports, and medical examiners, the NVDRS provides valuable context to the circumstances surrounding violent deaths. In fiscal year 2026 (FY26), this program received \$24.5 million.
- **Overdose prevention programs**, such as the Injury Center's Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) program that leverages existing data sources to help communities identify overdose and substance use trends, evaluate the effectiveness of current prevention efforts, and develop new, targeted approaches. In FY26, these programs received \$505.5 million.

- **Suicide prevention programs**, like the Injury Center's Comprehensive Suicide Prevention (CSP) program that analyzes data to help communities implement and evaluate effective suicide prevention initiatives. In FY26, this program received \$30 million.
- **11 Injury Control Research Centers (ICRCs)** across the country that study the causes, outcomes, and prevention of injuries and violence. In FY26, this program received \$11 million.
- **Core State Injury Prevention Program (Core SIPP)** supports state health departments as they implement evidence-based initiatives designed to prevent injury. In FY26, this program received \$29.95 million.

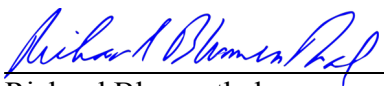
Together, these Injury Center programs provide critical support to our communities addressing injury and violence prevention. Robust funding of the Injury Center is an investment in a healthier America, equipping our communities with the tools and guidance they need to prevent injuries and reduce violence.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful attention to this matter.

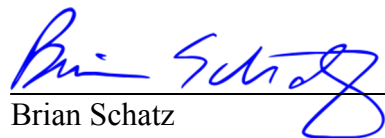
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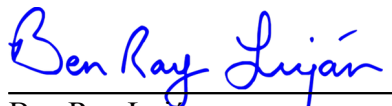
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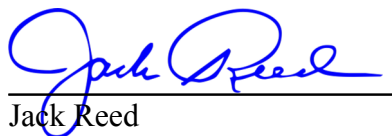
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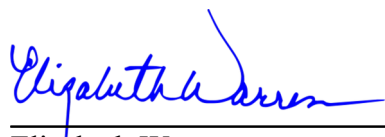
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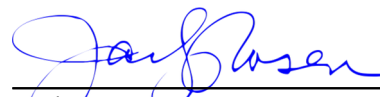
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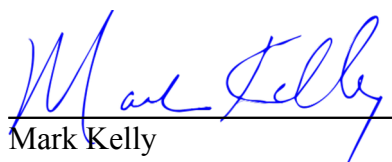
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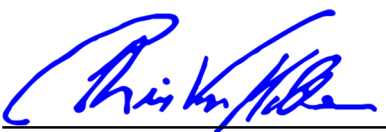
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