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The Honorable Robert Aderholt  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health  
and Human Services, Education,  
and Related Agencies  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health  
and Human Services, Education,  
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Dear Chairman Aderholt and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As you begin work on the fiscal year 2027 (FY27) Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, Related Agencies (LHHS) 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). The Injury Center plays a critical role in protecting the health and safety of Americans nationwide by allocating more than 80% 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 US 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, Robust funding is needed to ensure this lifesaving work 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 FY 2026, this program received \$24.5 million.
- **Overdose prevention programs**, such as the Injury Center's Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) which 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 FY 2026, this program received \$505.5 million.
- **Suicide prevention programs**, like the Injury Center's Comprehensive Suicide Prevention Program (CSP) which analyzes data to help communities implement and evaluate effective suicide prevention initiatives. In FY 2026, this program received \$30 million.
- **11 Injury Control Research Centers (ICRCs)** nationwide study the causes, outcomes, and prevention of injuries and violence. In FY 2026, 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.

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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