The Injury and Violence Prevention Network (IVPN) requests that Congress appropriate $750 million in FY2021 for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. This funding request aligns with the public health community’s 22% by 2022 campaign aimed at increasing CDC’s total funding to the level needed to address public health priorities.

**INVEST IN INJURY & VIOLENCE PREVENTION**

A funding increase of $150 million total over three years will allow the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control to:

- **Expand the evidence-base for injury and violence prevention programs**
- **Improve tracking of injuries and deaths from violence**
- **Evaluate the effectiveness of prevention strategies**
- **Provide states with critical support to implement targeted injury and violence prevention programs**

The Injury and Violence Prevention Network is a coalition of more than 75 partner organizations that have joined to strengthen the voice of the injury and violence prevention community in Congress.

The Network works to share information, coordinate efforts, and collaborate on strategies that promote policies aimed at advancing the field of injury and violence prevention.
IVPN MEMBER PRIORITIES INCLUDE:

CORE STATE VIOLENCE AND INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAM (SVIPP)
Core SVIPP is designed to decrease injury and violence-related morbidity and mortality and increase sustainability of injury prevention programs and practices. States rely on the Core SVIPP funding to support the implementation, evaluation, and dissemination of strategies that address the most pressing injury and violence issues in the nation. Core SVIPP is the only program of its kind in the U.S. that supports state-based injury and violence prevention programs. Currently, resources are only available to fund 23 states.

FIREARM VIOLENCE RESEARCH
Firearm violence prevention must start with support for federal research into the circumstances that lead to such violence, including suicide. The lack of progress on a firearm violence research agenda has stymied the realization of a science-driven approach to pinpoint and understand the associated risk and protective factors and identify effective prevention strategies.

NATIONAL CONCUSSION SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM
The CDC consulted with leading researchers and organizations about how to build a state-of-the-art National Concussion Surveillance System. The National Concussion Surveillance System will be able to accurately determine how many Americans get a concussion each year, and determine what caused the injury. In addition, the results of a full-scale national system would provide the first national estimates of sports-related concussions among youth, monitor trends and assess the effectiveness of prevention efforts.

SUICIDE PREVENTION
Suicides, especially firearm-related suicides, continue to plague communities across the country and, as such, IVPN urges that Congress strengthen suicide prevention resources for states and local communities. A public health approach to suicide prevention is necessary to implement a comprehensive primary prevention strategy. Congress must act to fund a nationwide suicide prevention effort at the CDC.

INJURY CONTROL RESEARCH CENTERS (ICRCs)
ICRCs are on the front lines of advancing injury and violence prevention science through cutting-edge, multidisciplinary research on the causes, outcomes and prevention of violence and injuries. Today, ICRCs are leading efforts nationwide to combat the opioid epidemic through collaborations with law enforcement and health delivery systems to prevent overdose, including implementation of surveillance efforts that identify hot spots of activity and development of medication assisted therapy treatment programs to reduce relapse. Unfortunately, funding is only available to support nine centers nationwide.

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