

November 30, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
House Appropriations Subcommittee
on Labor, Health and Human Services,
Education, and Related Agencies
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Subcommittee
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The Honorable Patty Murray
Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee
on Labor, Health and Human Services,
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Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Roy Blunt
Ranking Member
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee
on Labor, Health and Human Services,
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Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairs DeLauro and Murray and Ranking Members Cole and Blunt:

As Congress attempts to complete the fiscal year (FY) 2022 appropriations process, the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH) urges you to prioritize funding for critical public health programs that promote prevention and prevention research, advance preparedness, ensure that we have a well-trained and resourced public health workforce, and that promotes health equity and social justice.

ASPPH's mission is to strengthen the capacity of our member schools and programs by advancing leadership, excellence, and collaboration for academic public health. We advocate for investments needed to advance health and for more effective public health policies. Our 136 member schools and programs are responsible for preparing future generations of public health practitioners, researchers, and educators.

In the final FY 2022 appropriations agreement, ASPPH urges your strong consideration for the following agency accounts:

- National Institutes of Health - House: \$49.4 billion; Senate \$47.9 billion: **ASPPH urges that negotiators accept the higher House level.**
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - House: \$10.6 billion; Senate: \$9.7 billion: **ASPPH urges that negotiators accept the higher House level.**
- Health Resources & Services Administration - House: \$8.4 billion (program total); Senate: \$8.1 billion (program total): **ASPPH urges that negotiators accept the higher House program level (after adjusting for Community Projects/Congressional Directed Spending).**

Within the agency accounts, ASPPH is strongly supportive of the new flexible funding stream within the CDC for public health infrastructure and capacity. This new, annual funding will help address the nation's long term public health infrastructure and capacity needs by providing a stable source of disease-agnostic funding for cross-CDC initiatives. In addition to providing resources to health departments, ASPPH recommends that a portion of these funds be used to support academic public health partnerships, to provide research and technical support at existing centers, and to support new research programs and projects at accredited public health schools and departments.

This new flexible source of funding would be available for transfer across all CDC centers to conduct timely research on emerging public health issues that span the full range of the CDC mission, and provide technical support for CDC, governmental health departments and CDC's non-profit partners engaged in public health. Funding can also be used for public health workforce analytics to better understand the needs of health departments and other aspects of the practice field that can then inform training and curriculum. **ASPPH recommends that the Senate agree to the House's proposed higher funding level of \$1.0 billion, instead of the Senate level of \$600 million.**

Additional ASPPH's priority programs include:

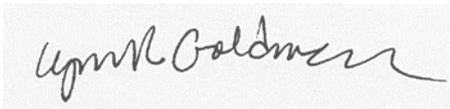
- NIH Fogarty International Center - House: \$96.8 million; Senate: \$96.3 million: The investment in Fogarty is an investment in the health of all Americans by providing vital research support to both prevent newly emerging infectious agents from becoming domestic calamities and to help us reduce the rising rate of noncommunicable diseases and the health impact of chronic conditions. **ASPPH recommends that the Senate agree to the House's proposed higher funding level.**
- CDC Prevention Research Centers - House: \$31.9 million; Senate: \$27.0 million: The PRCs are a national network of academic research centers committed to conducting prevention research and are leaders in translating research results into policy and public health practice. PRCs work closely with community members to establish health priorities and develop applicable research projects that address local public health needs. These partners collaborate with health departments, educational boards, and the private sector to form long-term relationships that make PRCs the leaders in community-based participatory research. **ASPPH recommends that the Senate agree to the House's proposed higher funding level.**
- CDC Injury Control Research Centers - House: \$11.0 million; Senate: \$9.0 million: The CDC's Injury Control Research Centers (ICRCs) are on the scientific front line conducting cutting-edge, multidisciplinary research on the causes, outcomes, and prevention of injuries and violence. ICRC research focuses on issues of local and national importance, and they provide technical assistance to disseminate and translate research findings that leads to increased awareness and influences action. **ASPPH recommends that the Senate agree to the House's proposed higher funding level.**
- CDC NIOSH Education & Research Centers - House: \$32.0 million; Senate: \$30.0 million and the CDC NIOSH Ag., Forestry & Fishing Centers – House \$28.5 million; Senate: \$27.5 million: These two National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health

center programs meet the needs of national and regional safety and health professionals. **ASPPH recommends that the Senate agree to the House's proposed higher funding level for both programs.**

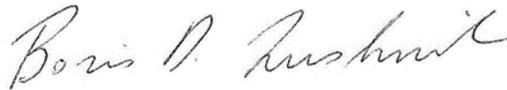
- HRSA Public Health Training Centers - House \$12.9 million; Senate: \$11.4 million: The Public Health Training Center Program is the nation's only comprehensive training system to ensure workers in healthcare, behavioral health, public health and other fields have the skills needed to respond to increasingly complex public health challenges and protect the nation's health. **ASPPH recommends that the Senate agree to the House's proposed higher funding level. We also recommend that the Committees provide explicit bill or report language about its intended funding level for the program.**

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