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Congress Must Act to Increase Funding for CDC 22% by 2022

22 by 22 is a campaign urging Congress to increase funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) 22 percent by fiscal year 2022 (FY22). CDC and its state and local public health partners saves lives every day by promoting optimal health for all, protecting against disease, and helping to prevent other crises. With all the health threats and challenges our nation faces today, now is the time to adequately fund CDC.

Increasing CDC’s budget is the only way to ensure our nation’s health is protected from communicable and non-communicable disease threats.

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The public health community requests that Congress provide $7.8 billion in FY20—an increase of $500 million in discretionary funding from FY19—to return CDC’s total funding back to a predictable, sustained, and increased funding pattern needed to address several public health priorities.

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A $1.5 billion total funding increase over three years will allow CDC to better implement effective programs to address, federal, state, and local public health priorities, such as:

**PREVENTING DRUG OVERDOSES**
More than 130 Americans die every day from opioid-related drug overdoses. Increased investment in prevention is needed to curb this dangerous trend.

**SAVING LIVES AND CURBING COSTS THROUGH CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION**
Seven out of every 10 deaths each year are caused by chronic diseases. Preventable illnesses and injuries from smoking, lack of physical activity, inadequate nutrition, and harmful environmental exposures are literally killing Americans every day.

**ENHANCING DISASTER PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE, AND RECOVERY**
In 2017, the cost for weather-related disasters exceeded $300 billion. Public health, in coordination with emergency preparedness, plays a critical role in disaster prevention, response, and recovery—and more is needed.

**COMBATING INFECTIOUS DISEASES**
Communicable disease control is a core function of CDC and other governmental public health entities. The United States is experiencing daily infectious disease outbreaks and sexually transmitted diseases are rising at alarming rates. In 2017, reported cases of gonorrhea, syphilis, and chlamydia increased for the fourth consecutive year. These diseases, in addition to emerging infectious outbreaks, such as Zika, Ebola, and MERS, drain resources and challenge an already fragile public health infrastructure.

**PREVENTING AND REMEDIATING ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARDS**
Complex emergencies associated with drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene trigger immediate responses due to the potential for community-wide harm and significant economic loss. Public health plays a role in preventing and responding to these crises.

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