Disease Control and Prevention [CDC] do excellent work to foster fundamental creative discoveries, cures, and therapies, and to protect America from health, safety and security threats. The budget resolution supports a level of funding for these agencies that enables them to continue their important work.

**Strengthen Oversight and Program Integrity Measures.** Federal grant programs fund a variety of health care services provided by State and local governments. Every dollar made available through these programs should be used transparently, and in the most effective manner possible for its intended purpose. This budget resolution supports increased program integrity measures to prevent fraud and abuse in health care programs.

For example, the budget supports greater program integrity measures for Title X Family Planning Grants. While this resolution supports the long-standing policy to ban Federal taxpayer dollars from funding elective abortions, greater measures should be taken. As an example, Title X family planning funding could be limited from going to an entity unless that entity certifies it will not perform elective abortions.

**Limit Federal Funding for Members of Congress and Their Staffs.** Currently, Federal contributions to the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program grow by the average weighted rate of change in these programs. This budget supports restricting the growth in these plans to inflation. This proposal assumes discretionary savings of $38.9 billion between 2016 and 2025 for adopting this policy.\(^{56}\)

**Restrict Federal Funding for Advertising Against American-Made Products and Wasteful Government Priorities Such as Pickleball.** This budget repeals funding from the Prevention and Public Health Fund, created as part of the Affordable Care Act. As the Committee on Energy and Commerce has uncovered, the administration has used dollars in this fund to promote Pickleball and free pet neutering, and for massage therapy, kickboxing, and Zumba.

Additionally, this budget does not support the use of taxpayer dollars to advertise against American-made products. Following the passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the CDC was allocated taxpayer dollars to award grants for wellness efforts. These funds were used, however, to run ads attacking and singling out legal American products and industries—which the administration claimed contributed to bad health. The CDC does excellent work on early detection, prevention, and treatment for breast and cervical cancer, on immunizations, flu vaccines, and many other worthy efforts. The agency should receive sufficient funding for these activities, but no government agency should receive American taxpayer dollars to advertise against American-made products.

**Make Government More Efficient and Responsive.** The budget supports better targeting of Federal spending to achieve the country’s goals. For example, the budget supports prudent investments to improve mental health care and awareness. GAO recently did a study that identified more than 100 distinct programs supporting individuals with serious mental illness and found that interagency

\(^{56}\)There are also direct spending savings in this area.