

April 3, 2020

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Speaker Pelosi, and Minority Leaders Schumer and McCarthy:

As Congress undertakes the next iteration of legislation to speed the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the undersigned organizations urge you to include a significant, long-term investment in public health infrastructure. This investment is critical to support the public health system as it rebuilds from the COVID-19 response, but also to strengthen it before the next pandemic hits and avoid the loss of life and social and economic disruption we are facing today. The importance of strong, predictable federal investment in this system is even more vital now as the

fax and paper.² 8, when adjusting for inflation,³ and funding specific to state and local public health preparedness has been cut from \$939 million in FY2003 to \$675 million in FY2020. That means there has been little room to modernize, retain skilled workforce, and address emerging threats. In fact, only 51 percent of the

Alliance for Aging Research
Alzheimer's Association and Alzheimer's Impact Movement
Alzheimer's Los Angeles
Alzheimer's San Diego
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Association for Clinical Chemistry
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine
American Association on Health and Disability
American Clinical Laboratory Association
American College of Clinical Pharmacy
American College of Nurse-Midwives
American College of Preventive Medicine
American Dental Education Association
American Dental Hygienists' Association
American Diabetes Association
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
American Geophysical Union
American Geriatrics Society
American Heart Association
American Immunization Registry Association
American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering
American Lung Association
American Mosquito Control Association
American Physical Therapy Association
American Podiatric Medical Association
American Public Health Association
American School Health Association
American Sexual Health Association
American Society for Microbiology
American Society for Reproductive Medicine
American Society of Transplantation
American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene
American Therapeutic Recreation Association
American Thoracic Society
America's Blood Centers
Americas TB Coalition
The Arc of the United States
Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum
Association for Prevention Teaching and Research
Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology
Association for Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses
Association of American Cancer Institutes
Association of American Medical Colleges
Association of Immunization Managers

Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs
Association of Nurses in AIDS Care
Association of Public Health Laboratories
Association of Schools Advancing Health Professions
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health
Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
Association of University Centers on Disabilities
Autistic Women & Nonbinary Network
Biophysical Society
Bipartisan Policy Center Action
CAEAR Coalition
Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids
CDC Southeastern Center of Excellence in Vector Borne Diseases
Center for Science in the Public Interest
CenterLink: The Community of LGBT Centers
ChangeLab Solutions
Children's Environmental Health Network
Commissioned Officers Association of the USPHS
CommunicationFIRST
Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists
Delta Vector Control District
Easterseals
Emergency Nurses Association
End AIDS Now
Endocrine Society
Entomological Society of America
Epilepsy Foundation
Florida Institute for Health Innovation
Foundation for Healthy Generations
The Gerontological Society of America
GLMA: Health Professionals Advancing LGBTQ Equality
Global Health Security Roundtable
Green & Healthy Homes Initiative
Hawaii Health & Harm Reduction Center
Health Resources in Action
Healthy Schools Campaign
Healthy Teen Network
Hepatitis Education Project
Hep Free Hawaii
HIV Medicine Association
Human Rights Campaign
Immunize Nevada
Infectious Diseases Society of America
International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium
Lakeshore Foundation

ork

The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America
Society for Public Health Education
Society for Vector Ecology
Spina Bifida Association
Stop TB USA
Treatment Action Group
Trust for America's Health
USA Patient Network
Vaccinate Your Family
Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials
Washington State Public Health Association
Welcome Back Initiative
YMCA of the USA

cc: Chairman Lamar Alexander, Senate HELP Committee
Ranking Member Patty Murray, Senate HELP Committee and Senate Appropriations
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related
Agencies6(nc)4(ies)JTJETQq0.009[S]-3(ubc)4(omm)-3(it)-3(tee)6(on La)5(bor,)-6(He)6(a)4(lt)