

September 22, 2009

RE: Conference on FY 2010 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations (H.R. 3293)

Dear Conferee:

The undersigned organizations urge you, during House-Senate conference deliberations on the FY 2010 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bill (H.R. 3293), to provide the highest possible funding level for health programs.

The importance of discretionary health programs and activities has never been more important as it is now with unemployment continuing to rise, the numbers of uninsured Americans increasing and the overall health of the U.S. population declining. Complicating this confluence of challenging factors is the return this fall of swine flu. Discretionary health programs are the only health safety net for millions who have lost their jobs, or their health insurance, and the first line of defense for everyone in protecting against H1N1 influenza. They also fund the nation's primary investment in biomedical, behavioral and health services research as well as other activities directed at preventing and mitigating disease and disability. These programs should be funded at the highest level provided in either the House, or Senate, version of the FY 2010 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bill.

Sincerely,

Advocates for Youth
AIDS Action Council
Alliance for Aging Research
Alpha-1 Association
Alpha-1 Foundation
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American Academy of Family Physicians
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Academy of Physician Assistants
American Association for Dental Research
American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry
American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry
American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy
American Association for Respiratory Care
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American College of Clinical Pharmacy
American College of Preventive Medicine
American College of Rheumatology
American Dance Therapy Association
American Dental Association
American Dental Education Association
American Gastroenterological Association
American Heart Association
American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering
American Nurses Association
American Organization of Nurse Executives
American Pharmacists Association
American Podiatric Medical Association
American Psychiatric Association
American Psychological Association
American Public Health Association

American Social Health Association
American Society for Clinical Pathology
American Society for Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics
American Society of Clinical Oncology
American Society of Nephrology
American Sociological Association
American Statistical Association
American Thoracic Society
American Trauma Society
ASM
ASPAN (American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses)
Association for Clinical Research Training
Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC)
Association for Psychological Science
Association of American Medical Colleges
Association of Independent Research Institutes (AIRI)
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools, Inc.
Association of Public Health Laboratories
Association of Radiologic & Imaging Nursing
Association of Rehabilitation Nurses
Association of Schools of Public Health
Association of University Centers on Disabilities
Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses
Center for Science in the Public Interest
Charles Drew University of Medicine & Science
Child Welfare League of America
Clinical Research Forum
Coalition for Health Funding
Coalition for Health Services Research
Coalition for Imaging and Bioengineering Research
Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service (COA)
COPD Foundation
Council on Social Work Education
Critical Illness and Trauma Foundation
Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America
Digestive Disease National Coalition
Easter Seals
Epilepsy Foundation
Family Violence Prevention Fund
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology
Federation of Associations in Behavioral & Brain Sciences
Friends of AHRQ
Friends of NCHS
HIV Medicine Association
Infectious Diseases Society of America
International Foundation for Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders
International Society of Nurses in Genetics
Learning Disabilities Association of America
March of Dimes Foundation
Medical Group Management Association
Meharry Medical College
Morehouse School of Medicine
National AHEC Organization
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Alliance to End Homelessness
National Association of Children's Hospitals
National Association of County and City Health Officials
National Association of Neonatal Nurses
National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health

National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD)
National Association of State EMS Officials
National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors
National Coalition for LGBT Health
National Coalition of STD Directors
National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare
National Council on Diversity in the Health Professions
National Disability Rights Network
National Foundation for Mental Health
National Health Care for the Homeless Council
National Health Council
National Hemophilia Foundation
National Marfan Foundation
National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing
National Primate Research Centers (NPRCs)
National Recreation and Park Association
National Rural Health Association
National Student Nurses' Association, Inc.
Natl Coalition for MH Consumer/Survivor Orgs
Natl Found for Mental Health
NephCure Foundation
Population Association of America/Association of Population Centers
Pulmonary Hypertension Association
Pulmonary Hypertension Association
RTI International
Scleroderma Foundation
Sexuality Information and Education Council of the U.S. (SIECUS)
Society for Clinical and Translational Science
Society for Women's Health Research
Spina Bifida Association
Suicide Prevention Action Network USA, a division of AFSP
The AIDS Institute
The American Brain Coalition
The Endocrine Society
The Mount Sinai Medical Center
Tourette Syndrome Association
Trust for America's Health
US Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association
Well Spouse Association
YMCA of the USA