

IT'S TIME TO MAKE PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING **A NATIONAL PRIORITY**

January 29, 2004

Dear President Bush and Members of Congress:

The health of all Americans is at risk from an unprecedented range of threats, including: chronic diseases and disabilities, infectious and food borne illnesses, biological and chemical terrorism, mental disorders and substance abuse, catastrophic injuries, and a shortage of healthcare providers and trained public health workers.

Our nation's public health system will not be able to respond adequately to these threats without additional resources for the continuum of medical research, prevention, treatment and training programs. We urge you to increase discretionary funding for public health through the Function 550 budget allocation in Fiscal Year 2005 by 12 percent. This investment is critical to improving the health, safety and security of our nation.

Sincerely,

AAHP-HIAA	American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine
Academic Health Centers Clinical Research Forum	American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research Funding	American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine
Administrators of Internal Medicine	American Association of Community Colleges
Advocates for EMS	American Association of Diabetes Educators
Advocates for Youth	The American Association of Immunologists
Aeras Global TB Vaccine Foundation	American Association of Neurological Surgeons
AFSCME	American Association of People with Disabilities
AIDS Action	American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association
AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth & Families	American Cancer Society
AIDS Foundation of Chicago	American Clinical Laboratory Association
The AIDS Institute	American College Health Association
Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing	American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology
Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine	American College of Cardiology
Alliance for Aging Research	American College of Chest Physicians
Alliance for Healthy Homes	American College of Clinical Pharmacology
Alliance for Lung Cancer Advocacy Support and Education	American College of Neuropsychopharmacology
Alpha-1 Association	American College of Nuclear Physicians
Alpha-1 Foundation	American College of Nurse-Midwives
Alzheimer's Association	American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
Ambulatory Pediatric Association	American College of Physicians
American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology	American College of Preventive Medicine
American Academy of Anesthesiologist Assistants	American College of Rheumatology
American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	American College of Surgeons
American Academy of Dermatology Association	American Counseling Association
American Academy of Family Physicians	American Dance Therapy Association
American Academy of HIV Medicine	American Dental Association
American Academy of Emergency Medicine	American Dental Education Association
American Academy of Neurology	American Dental Hygienists' Association
American Academy of Nurse Practitioners	American Diabetes Association
American Academy of Pediatrics	American Dietetic Association
American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	American Federation for Medical Research
American Academy of Physician Assistants	American Foundation for AIDS Research
American Association for Cancer Research	American Foundation for Urologic Disease
American Association for Dental Research	American Gastroenterological Association
American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry	American Geriatrics Society
American Association for Health Education	American Heart Association
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases	American Hospital Association
American Association of Blood Banks	American Liver Foundation
American Association of Colleges of Nursing	American Lung Association

American Medical Rehabilitation Providers Association
 American Medical Student Association
 American Mental Health Counselors Association
 American Neurological Association
 American Nurses Association
 American Occupational Therapy Association
 American Osteopathic Association
 American Pediatric Society
 American Physical Therapy Association
 American Physiological Society
 American Podiatric Medical Association
 American Psychiatric Association
 American Psychiatric Nurses Association
 American Psychological Society
 American Public Health Association
 American School Health Association
 American Society for Bone and Mineral Research
 American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science
 American Society for Clinical Pathology
 American Society for Microbiology
 American Society for Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics
 The American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology (ASTRO)
 American Society of Clinical Oncology
 American Society of Hematology
 American Society of Nephrology
 American Society of Pediatric Nephrology
 American Society of Radiologic Technologists
 American Stroke Association
 American Thoracic Society
 American Tinnitus Association
 American Urological Association
 Americans for Medical Progress
 America's Blood Centers
 The Arc of the United States
 Arthritis Foundation
 Association of Academic Health Centers
 Association of American Cancer Institutes
 Association of American Medical Colleges
 Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges
 Association of Black Cardiologists
 Association of Departments of Family Medicine
 Association of Educators in the Radiologic Sciences
 Association of Family Practice Residency Directors
 Association of General Clinical Research Centers Program Directors
 Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs
 Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs
 Association of Minority Health Professions Schools
 Association of Organ Procurement Organizations
 Association of Professors of Medicine
 Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine
 Association of Public Health Laboratories
 Association of Reproductive Health Professionals
 Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry
 Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions
 Association of Schools of Public Health
 Association of State and Territorial Directors of Health Promotion and Health Education
 Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
 Association of State and Territorial Public Health Nutrition Directors
 Association of Subspecialty Professors
 Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine
 Association of University Centers on Disabilities
 Association of University Programs in Health Administration
 Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses
 Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America
 Autism Society of America
 Bazelon Center For Mental Health Law
 Boys Town National Research Hospital
 Brain Injury Association of America
 The Breast Cancer Fund
 Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation
 California Association of Addiction Recovery Resources
 California Association of Alcohol and Drug Program Executives, Inc.
 Campaign for Medical Research
 Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids
 Cancer Research and Prevention Foundation
 Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation
 Catholic Charities of Jackson, MS
 Center for Disability Issues and the Health Professions
 Center for Science in the Public Interest
 Center for the Advancement of Health
 Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science
 Child Policy Research Center at Cincinnati Children's Hospital
 Children & Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)
 Children's Environmental Health Network
 Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation
 Chronic Disease Directors
 Citizens for a Clean Environment
 Clerkship Directors in Internal Medicine
 Coalition for American Trauma Care
 Coalition for Blood Disease and Blood Safety Research
 Coalition for Health Funding
 Coalition for Health Services Research
 Coalition of National Cancer Cooperative Groups
 Coalition of National Health Education Organizations
 Colon Cancer Alliance
 Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service
 Community Action to Fight Asthma
 Community Against Pollution
 Compliant Corporation
 Concerned Resident Initiative (CRI)
 Congress of Neurological Surgeons
 Connecticut Association of Substance Abuse Agencies
 Consortium of Social Science Associations
 Cooley's Anemia Foundation
 Coriell Institute for Medical Research
 Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists
 Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America
 Delta Dental Plans Association
 Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance
 Developmental Disabilities Research Centers
 Digestive Disease National Coalition
 Directors of Health Promotion and Education
 Dystonia Medical Research Foundation
 Easter Seals
 Education Law Center-PA
 Environmental Coalition of Mississippi
 Environmental Defense
 Epilepsy Foundation
 ESA, Inc.
 Eye Bank Association of America
 Eyes on the Prize
 Families Against Cancer and Toxins
 Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health
 First Candle/Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Alliance
 FIST (Families in Search of Truth)
 FRAXA Research Foundation
 Friends of Indian Health
 Friends of the National Institute for Child Health and Human Development
 Friends of the National Institute for Dental and Craniofacial Research
 Friends of the National Library of Medicine
 The Gerontological Society of America
 Global Health Council
 Goodwin Douglas Community Development Corporation
 Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America
 Health Professions Network
 Helen Keller National Center
 Hemophilia Federation of America
 Hepatitis Foundation International
 Hispanic-Serving Health Professions Schools, Inc.
 HIV Medicine Association
 Illinois Alcoholism and Drug Dependence Association
 Immune Deficiency Foundation
 Infectious Diseases Society of America
 The Injury Coalition
 Institute for Children's Environmental Health

Intercultural Cancer Council Caucus
 International & American Associations for Dental Research
 Inter-National Association of Business, Industry and Rehabilitation
 International Foundation for Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders
 International Myeloma Foundation
 The International Pemphigus Foundation
 Iowa Substance Abuse Program Directors' Association
 Jeffrey Modell Foundation
 Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International
 Kidney Cancer Association
 Lance Armstrong Foundation
 Last Acts Partnership
 Legal Action Center
 The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
 Lighthouse International
 Lymphoma Research Foundation
 Maine Association of Substance Abuse Programs
 March of Dimes
 Medical Dermatology Society
 Mended Hearts, Inc.
 Men's Health Network
 MICAH's Mission-Ministry to Improve Childhood & Adolescence Health
 Morehouse School of Medicine
 Mothers and Daughters Protecting Children's Health (MADPCH)
 Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America, Inc.
 NAADAC – The Association for Addiction Professionals
 NARAL Pro-Choice
 NASPE-Heart Rhythm Society
 National AHEC Organization
 National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research
 National Alliance for Nutrition and Activity
 National Alliance for the Mentally Ill
 National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors
 National Alliance to End Homelessness
 National Alopecia Areata Foundation
 National Association for Biomedical Research
 National Association for Children's Behavioral Health
 National Association of Children's Hospitals
 National Association of Community Health Centers
 National Association of County and City Health Officials
 National Association of Local Boards of Health
 National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems
 National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems
 National Association of Social Workers
 National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors
 National Association of State EMS Directors
 National Association of State Universities & Land-Grant Colleges
 National Athletic Trainers' Association
 National Black Caucus of State Legislators
 National Black Church Family Council
 National Black Nurses Association
 National Caucus of Basic Biomedical Science Chairs
 National Coalition for Cancer Research (NCCR)
 National Coalition for Heart and Stroke Research
 National Coalition for Osteoporosis and Related Bone Diseases
 The National Coalition of STD Directors
 National Coalition on Deaf-Blindness
 National Council on Family Relations
 National Environmental Education & Training Foundation
 National Family Caregivers Association
 National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association
 National Fragile X Foundation
 National Health Council
 National Hemophilia Foundation
 National Hispanic Medical Association
 National Indian Health Board
 National Kidney Foundation
 National League for Nursing
 The National Marfan Foundation
 National Mental Health Association
 National Multiple Sclerosis Society
 National Nursing Centers Consortium
 National Organization for Rare Disorders
 National Organizations Responding to AIDS
 The National Osteoporosis Foundation
 National Psoriasis Foundation
 National Psoriasis Foundation
 National Respite Coalition
 National Sleep Foundation
 National Stroke Association
 NephCure Foundation
 Neuropathy Association
 Nevada Alliance for Addictive Disorders Advocacy, Prevention and
 Treatment Services
 NHLBI Constituency Group
 North America Primary Care Research Group
 North American Brain Tumor Coalition
 Oncology Nursing Society
 Orthopaedic Trauma Association
 Ovarian Cancer National Alliance
 The Paget Foundation for Paget's Disease of Bone and Related Disorders
 Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN)
 Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy
 Parkinson's Action Network
 Patient Databases
 Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation
 Pennsylvania School Reform Network
 Physicians for Social Responsibility
 Population Association of America/Association of Population Centers
 Prevent Blindness America
 Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association
 Produce for Better Health Foundation
 Protein Society
 Public Health Foundation
 Pulmonary Hypertension Association
 Research in Child Development
 Research to Prevent Blindness
 Research to Prevention
 Research!America
 RESOLVE, The National Infertility Association
 Rosalynn Carter Institute for Human Development, Georgia Southwestern
 State University
 RTI International
 S.T.O.P. - Safe Tables Our Priority
 Sarcoidosis Awareness Network
 The Sarcoma Foundation of America
 Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition/Computer TakeBack Campaign
 Sjogren's Syndrome Foundation
 Society for Adolescent Medicine
 Society for Maternal Fetal Medicine
 Society for Neuroscience
 Society for Pediatric Research
 Society for Public Health Education
 Society for Vascular Surgery
 Society for Women's Health Research
 Society of General Internal Medicine
 The Society of Gynecologic Oncologists
 Society of Interventional Radiology
 Society of Nuclear Medicine
 Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologist Section
 Society of Teachers of Family Medicine
 Special Olympics, Inc.
 Spina Bifida Association of America
 State Associations of Addiction Services
 Strategic Health Institute
 Sturge-Weber Foundation
 The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation
 TeenScreen
 Tennessee Environmental Council
 Tennessee Health Care Campaign
 Thunderhead Alliance
 Title II Community AIDS National Network
 Trust for America's Health
 Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance
 United Cerebral Palsy
 United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association

United Ostomy Association
United Spinal Association
Us Too International Prostate Cancer Education and Support Network
Wisconsin Association for Biomedical Research & Education

World Institute on Disability
YMCA of the USA
Y-Me National Breast Cancer Organization