

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

February 1, 2005

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 2006 by \$3.5 billion. This investment is critical to improving the health, safety and security of our nation.

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Sincerely,

Academic Health Centers Clinical Research Forum
Acid Maltase Deficiency Association
Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research Funding
Administrators of Internal Medicine
AFSCME
AIDS Action
Allegheny General Hospital
Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine
Alliance for Aging Research
Alliance for Prostate Cancer Prevention
Alpha-1 Association
Alpha-1 Foundation
Ambulatory Pediatric Association
American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology
American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
American Academy of Dermatology Association
American Academy of Emergency Medicine
American Academy of Family Physicians
American Academy of Nurse Practitioners
American Academy of Otolaryngology--Head and Neck Surgery
American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Academy of Physician Assistants
American Anthropological Association
American Association for Cancer Research
American Association for Dental Research
American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry
American Association for Health Education

American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases
American Association of Anatomists
American Association of Children's Residential Centers
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine
American Association of Neurological Surgeons
American Association of Pastoral Counselors
American Association of Practicing Psychiatrists
American Association of University Professors
American Cancer Society
American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology
American College of Clinical Pharmacology
American College of Clinical Pharmacy
American College of Emergency Physicians
American College of Medical Genetics
American College of Neuropsychopharmacology
American College of Nuclear Physicians
American College of Nurse-Midwives
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American College of Physicians
American College of Preventive Medicine
American College of Rheumatology
American College of Surgeons
American College Health Association
American Counseling Association
American Dental Association

American Dental Education Association
 American Dental Hygienists' Association
 American Diabetes Association
 American Dietetic Association
 American Foundation for AIDS Research
 American Gastroenterological Association
 American Geriatrics Society
 American Group Psychotherapy Association
 American Heart Association
 American Hospital Association
 American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering
 American Institute for Stuttering
 American Liver Foundation
 American Lung Association
 American Medical Student Association
 American Medical Women's Association
 American Mental Health Counselors 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 Psychoanalytic Association
 American Psychological Association
 American Psychological Society
 American Psychotherapy Association
 American Public Health Association
 American School Health Association
 American Social Health Association
 American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
 American Society for Bone and Mineral Research
 American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science
 American Society for Clinical Nutrition
 American Society for Microbiology
 American Society for Pharmacology & Experimental
 Therapeutics
 American Society for Reproductive Medicine
 American Society of Addiction Medicine
 American Society of Bariatric Physicians
 American Society of Clinical Oncology
 American Society of Hematology
 American Society of Nephrology
 American Society of Pediatric Nephrology
 American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses
 American Society of Plastic Surgery Nurses
 American Society of Radiologic Technologists
 American Sociological Association
 American Stroke Association
 American Therapeutic Recreation Association
 American Thoracic Society
 American Trauma Society
 Americans for Medical Progress
 Amputee Coalition of America
 Angioma Alliance
 Anxiety Disorders Association of America
 A O North America
 Arthritis Foundation
 Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology
 Association for the Advancement of Psychology
 Association of Academic Health Centers
 Association of Academic Physiatrists
 Association of American Medical Colleges
 Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges
 Association of Anesthesiology Program Directors
 Association of Clinical Research Training Program (K30)
 Directors
 Association of Clinicians for the Underserved
 Association of Departments of Family Medicine
 Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors
 Association of General Clinical Research Center Program
 Directors
 Association of Genetic Technologists
 Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs
 Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs
 Association of Medical School Pharmacology Chairs
 Association of Medical School Psychologists
 Association of Minority Health Professions Schools
 Association of Organ Procurement Organizations
 Association of Pathology Chairs
 Association of Population Centers
 Association of Professors of Human and Medical Genetics
 Association of Professors of Medicine
 Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine
 Association of Public Health Laboratories
 Association of Rehabilitation Nurses
 Association of Schools of Public Health
 Association of State and Territorial Chronic Disease Directors
 Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors
 Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
 Association of State & Territorial Public Health Nutrition Directors
 Association of Subspecialty Professors
 Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine
 Association of University Centers on Disability
 Association of University Programs in Health Administration
 Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses
 Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America
 Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law
 Boys Town National Research Hospital
 Brain Injury Association of America
 Bringing Families Together Around Delicious Fresh Food
 CAEAR: Communities Advocating Emergency AIDS Relief Coalition
 Campaign for Medical Research
 Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids
 Cancer Research and Prevention Foundation
 CARES Foundation, Inc.
 Caring Voice Coalition, Inc.
 Center for Science in the Public Interest
 Center for the Advancement of Health
 Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science
 Children & Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
 Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation
 Cincinnati Children's Research Foundation
 Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy
 Clerkship Directors in Internal Medicine
 Clinical Social Work Federation
 Clinical Social Work Guild 49
 Coalition for American Trauma Care
 Coalition for Health Funding
 Coalition for Health Services Research

Coalition for Pulmonary Fibrosis
 Coalition of Heritable Disorders of Connective Tissue
 Coalition of National Health Education Organizations
 Colorectal Cancer Coalition
 Community Food Resource Center
 Community Health Partnership, Portland, Oregon
 Concerned Residents Initiative
 Congress of Neurological Surgeons
 Consortium of Social Science Associations
 Cooley's Anemia Foundation
 Coriell
 Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists
 Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America
 Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
 Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance
 Developmental Disabilities Research Centers Association
 Digestive Disease National Coalition
 Division of Traumatology and Surgical Critical Care,
 Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
 Dystonia Medical Research Foundation
 Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma
 Eating Disorders Coalition for Research, Policy & Action
 Elyria City Health Department
 Emergency Nurses Association
 Endometriosis Association
 Environmental Defense
 Epilepsy Foundation
 ESA, Inc.
 Eta Sigma Gamma
 Fabry Support & Information Group
 Families Against Cancer & Toxics
 Families In Search of Truth
 Families USA
 Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology
 Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health
 First Candle/Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Alliance
 First Genetic Trust
 Friends of Indian Health
 Genetic Alliance
 Genetic Alliance BioBank
 Genetics, Ethics & Policy Consulting
 Gluten Intolerance Group of North America
 Goodwin Douglas Community Development Corporation
 Health Partnerships and Policy
 Health Professions Network
 Hemophilia Federation of America
 Hepatitis Foundation International
 HHT Foundation International
 Hispanic Serving Health Professions Schools
 HIV Medicine Association
 Howard University Cancer Center
 Idaho Alpha-1 Community Outreach, Inc.
 Idaho on the Move
 Idaho Public Health Association
 IDEAS
 Infectious Diseases Society of America
 Institute for Children's Environmental Health
 International Advocate for Glycoprotein Storage Diseases
 International Foundation for Functional Gastrointestinal
 Disorders
 International Myeloma Foundation
 International Society of Nurses in Genetics
 International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses
 Jeffrey Modell Foundation
 Joint Steering Committee for Public Policy
 Judah International Christian Center, Inc.
 Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
 Kidney Cancer Association
 Legal Action Center
 Love Alive Ministries
 Lymphoma Research Foundation
 March of Dimes
 Marin Breast Cancer Watch
 Marti Nelson Cancer Foundation
 Mecklenburg Council on Health and Fitness
 Medical Library Association
 MICAH's Mission
 Morehouse School of Medicine
 NAADAC - The Association for Addiction Professionals
 NARAL Pro-Choice America
 National AHEC Organization
 National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research
 National Alliance for the Mentally Ill
 National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors
 National Alopecia Areata Foundation
 National Association for Biomedical Research
 National Association for Children's Behavioral Health
 National Association for Continence
 National Association for Geriatric Education
 National Association for Rural Mental Health
 National Association of Children's Hospitals
 National Association of Community Health Centers
 National Association of County and City Health Officials
 National Association of County Behavioral Health and
 Developmental Disability Directors
 National Association of Geriatric Education Centers
 National Association of Local Boards of Health
 National Association of Mental Health Planning and Advisory
 Councils
 National Association of Nurse Massage Therapists
 National Association of Orthopaedic Nurses
 National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
 National Association of People with AIDS
 National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems
 National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems
 National Association of School Psychologists
 National Association of Social Workers
 National Association of State EMS Directors
 National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors
 National Athletic Trainers' Association
 National Black Nurses Association
 National Caucus of Basic Biomedical Science Chairs
 National Center for Health Education
 National Coalition for Heart and Stroke Research
 National Coalition for Mental Health Professionals and Consumers
 National Coalition for Osteoporosis and Related Bone Diseases
 National Conference of Gerontological Nurse Practitioners
 National Coalition of STD Directors
 National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare
 National Council of State Boards of Nursing
 National Eczema Association for Science and Education
 National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association
 National Health Care for the Homeless Council
 National Kidney Foundation

National League for Nursing
National Medical Association
National Mental Health Association
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
National Nursing Centers Consortium
National Osteoporosis Foundation
National Prostate Cancer Coalition
National Psoriasis Foundation
National Rural Health Association
National Sleep Foundation
National Student Nurses Association
National Vitiligo Foundation
NephCure Foundation
Neurofibromatosis, Inc.
Neuropathy Association
Neuropathy Research Foundation
New York City Breastfeeding Alliance, Inc.
New York State Nutrition Council
NHLBI Constituency Group
North American Brain Tumor Coalition
North American Primary Care Research Group
North American Transplant Coordinators Organization
Oncology Nursing Society
Oral Health America
Orthopaedic Trauma Association
Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network
Paradise Valley Community College Environmental Group
Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy
Partnership for Prevention
Partnership for Recovery
Patient Databases
Pedestrians Educating Drivers on Safety
Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society
Pennsylvania Prostate Cancer Coalition
People for Children's Health and Environmental Justice
Periodic Paralysis Association
Population Association of America
Potomac Health Consulting
Preeclampsia Foundation
Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association
Produce for Better Health Foundation
Professors of Dermatology
Pulmonary Hypertension Association
PXE International
Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital
Renal Physicians Association
Research!America
Researchers against Inactivity-related Disorders
Rett Syndrome Research Foundation
Scleroderma Foundation
Sjögren's Syndrome Foundation
Society for Academic Emergency Medicine
Society for Adolescent Medicine
Society for Investigative Dermatology

Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine
Society for Neuroscience
Society for Pediatric Research
Society for Public Health Education
Society for Women's Health Research
Society of Academic Anesthesiology Chairs
Society of Critical Care Medicine
Society of General Internal Medicine
Society of Neurological Surgeons
Society of Nuclear Medicine
Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologist Section
Society of Teachers of Family Medicine
Society of Trauma Nurses
South Tuscaloosa Community Action Council
Southwest Louisiana Area Health Education Center
Special Olympics, Inc.
Spina Bifida Association of America
State Associations of Addiction Services
S.T.O.P. -- Safe Tables Our Priority
Strategic Health Institute
Suicide Prevention Action Network USA
TeenScreen
Texas Public Health Association
The Alliance for Children and Families
The American Association of Immunologists
The American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology
The Arc of the United States
The Breast Cancer Fund
The Endocrine Society
The Food Trust
The Genetics Society of America
The Green Guide Institute
The National Marfan Foundation
The Nutrition programs at Hunter College:
 Nutrition & Food Science (B.S. curriculum)
 Public Health Nutrition (M.P.H. curriculum)
 The Dietetic Internship
The Protein Society
Therapeutic Communities of America
The Sarcoidosis Awareness Network
The Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States
The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America
Tourette Syndrome Association
Trust for America's Health
Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance
United States Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association
University of Florida Health Science Center
VHL Family Alliance
WalkBoston
Wisconsin Association for Biomedical Research & Education
Woodruff Health Sciences Center
Wound Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society
Yale Prevention Research Center
Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization

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