

The Honorable Robert Aderholt
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human
Services, Education and Related Agencies
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
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Dear Chair Aderholt and Ranking Member DeLauro,

The 164 undersigned medical, public health, non-profit, and research organizations, representing the Injury and Violence Prevention Network and allied organizations, write to express our strong opposition to the proposed \$1.8 billion in cuts in the House FY 2025 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations bill to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). These cuts, which would slash the CDC's funding by 22 percent, include the elimination of the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (Injury Center), which would severely weaken our public health infrastructure, putting millions at risk. We call on Congress to reject these harmful reductions that would threaten the health and safety of the nation.

Our organizations are committed to a vision of a nation free from injury and violence, so that individuals, no matter who they are or where they reside, are safe where they live, work, travel, and play, and the CDC's Injury Center plays a primary role in that effort.

Injuries and violence are critical public health threats facing the United States today. According to the CDC, in the first half of life, more Americans die from violence and injuries — such as motor vehicle crashes, falls, suicides, homicides, or opioid overdoses — than from any other cause, including cancer, HIV, or the flu. Yet injuries and violence are predictable and preventable.

Robust investment in the CDC and its diverse array of programming is vital to America's health and well-being. The Injury Center provides distinct primary prevention programming, research, and evaluation that is not duplicative to programs across other agencies, and the proposed cuts would effectively undo decades of progress toward a safe and healthy future.

The recently released bill text is a misguided threat to programs and services that protect our communities and families. We call on leadership to oppose the following:

- A 22% decrease in CDC funding, \$2.3 billion less than the President’s budget request, and \$1.8 billion below the FY24 enacted level; and
- Elimination of funding for the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, a cut of \$761 million below the 2024 level and \$943 million below the President’s FY 2025 request, which would in turn eliminate several key programs addressing:
 - Firearm injury and mortality prevention research
 - Opioid overdose prevention and surveillance
 - Rape prevention
 - Suicide prevention
 - Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) prevention
 - Drowning prevention
 - Elder fall prevention
 - Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention
 - Child Sexual Abuse Prevention
 - Adverse Childhood Experience (ACEs) prevention

We call on the Congress to prioritize injury and violence prevention programs that protect our nation’s public health by rejecting the FY 2025 House Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations bill.

Sincerely,

Safe States Alliance
 Adams County Health Department (Colorado)
 AIDS United
 American Academy of HIV Medicine
 American Academy of Pediatrics
 American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research
 American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACCP)
 American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
 American Psychological Association Services
 American Public Health Association
 American School Health Association
 American Trauma Society
 APHL
 Arkansas Coalition Against Sexual Assault
 Association of American Medical Colleges
 Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs
 Big Cities Health Coalition
 Brain Injury Alliance of Nebraska
 Brain Injury Association of America

California Consortium of Addiction Programs & Professionals
California Partnership to End Domestic Violence
CAWS North Dakota
Center for Popular Democracy
Children's Wisconsin
Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Columbia University Irving Medical Center
Community Catalyst
Community Justice Action Fund
Connecticut Children's
Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Connecticut Harm Reduction Alliance
Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations
Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists
CUNY Graduate School of Public Health & Health Policy
DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence (DCADV)
Drug Policy Alliance
Eating Disorders Coalition for Research, Policy, & Action
End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin
Faces & Voices of Recovery
Florida Harm Reduction Collective
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Futures Without Violence
Geisinger Medical Center
Georgia Clinicians for Gun Safety (GC4GS)
Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Harm Reduction Michigan
Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center (HHHRC)
Health Alliance for Violence Intervention
Hep Free Hawai'i (HFH)
Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Illinois Public Health Association
Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Inc.
Injury and Violence Prevention Center | CU Anschutz Medical Campus
Injury Free Coalition for Kids
Injury Prevention Research Center at Emory
Intercambios Puerto Rico, Inc.
International Association of Forensic Nurses
International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium
Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Jane Doe Inc., the Massachusetts Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence
Johns Hopkins University
Joyful Heart Foundation

Just Solutions

Kansas Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence

Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children

Kids in Danger (KID)

Legal Momentum

Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault (LaFASA)

Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence

Medical College of Wisconsin

Memorial Hermann Health System

Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

NAESV

National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research

National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors

National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities

National Association of State Head Injury Administrators

National Behavioral Health Association of Providers

National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence

National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma, and Mental Health

National Compadres Network

National Council on Aging (NCOA)

National Domestic Violence Hotline

National Harm Reduction Coalition

National Network of Public Health Institute

National Network to End Domestic Violence

National Organization for Women (Columbia, MO Chapter)

National Organization for Women (Missouri Chapter)

National Organization for Women (Montgomery County, MD Chapter)

National Organization for Women (Northern Colorado Chapter)

National Prevention Science Coalition to Improve Lives

National Resource Center on Domestic Violence

National Safety Council

Nationwide Children's Hospital

NC Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence

Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence

New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence

New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence

New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Ni-Ta-Nee NOW

Not One More Anonymous Death, Inc. (NOMAD)

Ohio Domestic Violence Network
OHSU Gun Violence Prevention Research Children
Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation
Pascow County NOW
Peer Initiative
Penn Injury Science Center
Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Pennsylvania Coalition to Advance Respect
Prevent Child Abuse America
Prevent Child Abuse Arizona
Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana (PCAL)
Prevention Institute
Public Health-Seattle & King County
Rape Crisis Center of Robeson County
Ray E. Helfer Society
Respect Together
Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Trauma and Injury Prevention
Department
Safe Kids Oakland County
Safe Kids Pennsylvania
Safe Kids Wisconsin
Sandy Hook Promise
Santa Fe NOW
SC Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
Seattle Children's
Smoky Mountain Harm Reduction
Society for Public Health Education
Society to Advance Injury Research
South Dakota Network Against FV & SA
Tahirih Justice Center
Tennessee Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence
Texas Council on Family Violence
The Action Lab at the Center for Health Policy & Law, Northeastern University
School of Law
The Center for Safe Alaskans
The Child Injury Prevention Alliance
The Moore Center for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse
The University of Vermont Medical Center
Trauma Research Education Foundation (TREF) of San Diego
Trust for America's Health
Ujima, The National Center on Violence Against Women in the Black Community
University of Michigan Injury Prevention Center (IPC)
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Utah Domestic Violence Coalition

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Vermont Network Against Domestic & Sexual Violence

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Violence Free Minnesota

Violence Policy Center

Violence Prevention Institute at Tulane University

Virginia Harm Reduction Coalition

Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Washington State Sexual Assault Policy Working Group

Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

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