

April 30, 2024

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human  
Services, Education, and Related Agencies  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
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The Honorable Robert Aderholt  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human  
Services, Education, and Related Agencies  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
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Services, Education, and Related Agencies  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Baldwin, Ranking Member Capito, Chair Aderholt, and Ranking Member DeLauro:

Thank you for your support for our nation's public health workforce and data systems in recent years. As you address ongoing public health needs, the undersigned organizations urge you and your colleagues to pass a Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies (LHHS) appropriations bill for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 that includes funding to modernize and sustain our public health data infrastructure. The undersigned organizations respectfully request at least \$340 million annually for Public Health Data Modernization at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

CDC's Public Health Data Modernization is a long-term commitment to building and maintaining world-class data systems and workforce that meet the nation's ongoing need to safeguard health. Public health data is not only needed during an emergency response; it is necessary for people and communities to thrive by rapidly identifying, tracking, and responding to daily public health threats of all types—acute, chronic, and emerging. Public Health Data Modernization plays a critical role to ensure public health receives data from the health care system that is essential to the disease detection and outbreak response efforts that keep communities safe.

As technology evolves and becomes more central to supporting and maintaining our health, our public health data systems will continue to need updates, software patches, security vulnerability protection, and upgrades, and the staff supporting these critical systems will need ongoing training. Public health workers and agencies are essential for protecting and improving the health of communities, but they cannot do their work without adequate funding.

Providing sustained yearly funding for public health data is a key investment for the continuous improvement of our public health infrastructure, which we estimate will cost [\\$7.8 billion over five years](#) at the state, Tribal, local, and territorial (STLT) levels with additional funding needed to support data efforts at the CDC. By supporting these efforts Congress will directly impact every jurisdiction's ability to keep their communities safe. So far, Congress has provided an initial down payment of approximately \$1 billion for Public Health Data Modernization through annual and supplemental appropriations—which

has been critical to catalyzing the work, but consistent annual funding is necessary to maintain improvements, make continued upgrades as technology advances, and support the expert public health workforce. Lack of consistent funding will halt progress, and force health departments to move backwards abandoning projects before completion.

Funding for data modernization will also make possible the work of the CDC's Center for Forecasting and Outbreak Analytics (CFA). An additional \$100 million appropriation for CFA in FY25 will fund the Center to facilitate the use of data, modeling, and analytics established by Public Health Data Modernization to improve pandemic preparedness and response. CFA is already transforming our disease modeling capabilities with the initial funds received using data and processes established by Public Health Data Modernization. CDC is using the Response Ready Enterprise Data Integration platform (RREDI) to integrate multiple data streams to provide a full picture that can be used to guide the public health response. Public Health Data Modernization, CFA, and RREDI are each necessary components of the CDC's data strategy, and each must be funded separately and robustly to help communities stay safe and thrive. Base funding for data modernization must be retained and grow with still additional funds added for CFA and RREDI.

We are grateful for the subcommittee's bipartisan support of public health data modernization so people and communities can know about health threats in their own back yards. Continuous investment in these crucial activities is essential to ensure the strength and resilience of the nationwide public health data system. As you work to finalize the FY25 LHHs bill, we respectfully request at least \$340 million for CDC's Public Health Data Modernization. Thank you for your leadership and for considering our recommendation. If you have questions or would like further information, please contact Meg Riley at [mriley@dc-crd.com](mailto:mriley@dc-crd.com).

Sincerely,

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American Academy of Family Physicians  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research  
American Association on Health and Disability  
American Brain Coalition  
American Clinical Laboratory Association  
American College of Clinical Pharmacy  
American College of Preventive Medicine  
American Epilepsy Society  
American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA)  
American Heart Association  
American Lung Association  
American Medical Association  
American Mosquito Control Association  
American Psychological Association  
American Public Health Association

American Society for Microbiology  
American Society for Nutrition  
American Society of Hematology  
American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene  
American Statistical Association  
Anastasia Mosquito Control District  
Association of Public Health Laboratories  
Association for Diagnostics and Laboratory Medicine  
Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs  
Association of periOperative Registered Nurses  
Association of Population Centers  
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health  
Association of State and Territorial Health Officials  
Association of State Public Health Nutritionists  
Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses  
Big Cities Health Coalition  
Black Women's Health Imperative  
Care Analytics Group, LLC  
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Civitas Networks for Health  
Columbia University School of Nursing  
Connected Health Initiative  
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Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists  
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Data Foundation  
Dravet Syndrome Foundation  
eHealth Exchange  
Entomological Society of America  
Epilepsies Action Network (EAN)  
Epilepsy Alliance America  
Epilepsy Foundation  
Gerontological Society of America  
Health Gorilla  
Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS)  
HIMSS Electronic Health Record Association  
HIV Medicine Association  
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Hope for HIE  
Infectious Diseases Society of America  
International Safety Equipment Association  
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ISF, Inc.  
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National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners  
National Association of Vector-Borne Disease Control Officials  
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National League for Nursing  
National MS Society  
National Network of Public Health Institutes  
National Rural Health Association  
National Safety Council  
New York State Public Health Association  
North Carolina Mosquito and Vector Control Association  
Northeast Regional Center for Excellence in Vector-Borne Diseases  
Omaha System  
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Prevent Blindness  
Public Health Accreditation Board  
Public Health Institute  
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Rockies and High Plains Vector Borne Diseases Training and Evaluation Center  
Ruvos  
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