



October 31, 2022

The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. Senate

The Honorable Richard Shelby  
Vice Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. Senate

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives

Dear Chairman Leahy, Chairwoman DeLauro, Vice Chair Shelby, and Ranking Member Granger:

Thank you for your ongoing leadership on patient care and public health funding. As you finalize the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 appropriations bills, the undersigned organizations representing the Chronic Disease Alliance urge you to include funding for programs that support the chronic disease community while addressing chronic diseases, advancing healthy equity, and promoting patient care.

Chronic diseases account for 7 of the top 10 causes of death in America and more than 90 percent of our annual healthcare spending. Hundreds of thousands of Americans who suffer from unpreventable chronic conditions need access to care. But the deadliest and costliest chronic diseases are also the most preventable. We promote actionable resources to lower the rate of preventable chronic diseases so that our healthcare system can better support individuals with unpreventable chronic conditions and invisible illnesses.

Chronic Disease Day is the chronic disease patient community's annual opportunity raise awareness of the pressing need to address issues of common concern across chronic diseases. These issues include funding critical medical research and public health programs and advancing legislation that supports a patient's ability to access the care they need. As you work with your colleagues to finalize the FY 2023 appropriations bills, please support the following programs and funding levels:

- Please provide the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) with at least \$10.5 billion, consistent with the increase proposed by the House and Senate, and as close to the \$11 billion requested by the community as possible.
- Please provide CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP) with at least \$1.6 billion, consistent with the increase proposed by the House and Senate, and as close to \$3.75 billion requested by the community as possible.
- Please provide \$6 million for NCCDPHP's emerging Chronic Disease Education and Awareness program, consistent with the increase proposed by the House and Senate and the increase requested by the community, along with meaningful increases for the other line-item chronic disease programs supported by the National Center.



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Thank you for your consideration of the chronic disease community's funding recommendations. We hope you will include these funding increases in any final FY 2023 appropriations bills.

Sincerely,