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U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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Vice Chairwoman, Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. Senate  
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The Honorable Harold Rogers  
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives  
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More than 660 undersigned organizations representing the full range of stakeholders supporting the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services (HHS), and Education urge you to allocate as high a funding level as possible to these programs and services in the fiscal year (FY) 2017 302(b) subcommittee allocation. The activities administered by these departments and agencies serve a broad range of constituencies and needs, but they all share a common, fundamental goal of

Despite their profound impact on health and wellbeing, child development, educational and skills attainment, and productivity, programs and services are short-changed in the annual appropriations process. For example, with the much

x Preventing almost one million citizens from accessing the critical workforce and job training services

American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology  
American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing  
American Academy of Family Physicians  
American Academy of Physician Assistants  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Alliance of Museums  
American Association for Dental Research  
American Association for the Study of Liver Disease  
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 Community Colleges  
American Association of Neuromuscular and Electrodiagnostic Medicine  
American Association of University Women (AAUW)  
American Association on Health and Disability  
American Brain Coalition  
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network  
American College of Clinical Pharmacy  
American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians  
American College of Physicians  
American College of Preventive Medicine  
American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
American Council on Education  
American Counseling Association  
American Dance Therapy Association  
American Dental Association  
American Dental Education Association  
American Dental Hygienists' Association  
American Diabetes Association  
American Educational Research Association  
American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees  
American Federation of Teachers  
American Heart Association  
American Hospital Association  
American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering  
American Library Association  
American Lung Association  
American Music Therapy Association  
American Occupational Therapy Association  
American Optometric Association  
American Organization of Nurse Executives  
American Pediatric Society  
American Pediatric Surgical Nurses Association (APSNA)  
American Physiological Society  
American Psychiatric Association  
American Psychological Association  
American Public Health Association  
American School Counselor Association

American School Health Association  
American Sexual 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 Pathology  
American Society for Microbiology  
American Society for Nutrition  
American Society for Reproductive Medicine  
American Society of Hematology  
American Society of Nephrology

Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs  
 Association of Minority Health Professions Schools (AMHPS)  
 Association of Nurses in AIDS Care  
 Association of Population Centers  
 Association of Public and Land Grant Universities  
 Association of Public Health Laboratories  
 Association of Rehabilitation Nurses  
 Association of School Business Officials International  
 Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health  
 Association of Science Technology Centers  
 Association of State and Territorial Health Officials  
 Association of University Centers on Disabilities  
 Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses  
 Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America  
 Augustus F. Hawkins Foundation  
 Autism Housing Pathways, Inc.  
 Avery's Angels Gastroschisis Foundation  
 Biophysical Society  
 Blue Faery: The Adrienne Wilson Liver Cancer Association  
 Boston Public Health Commission  
 Brain Injury Association of America  
 Bryan, Ohio/University of Toledo College of Medicine Area Health Education Center, Inc.  
 Bryn Mawr Peace Coalition  
 Buffalo River Services, Inc.  
 California Association of Museums  
 California Child Care Resource and Referral Network  
 California Council for Exceptional Children  
 California Council of Administrators of Special Education  
 California Polytechnic State University  
 California State University San Marcos  
 California State University, East Bay  
 California State University, Fresno  
 California State University, Los Angeles  
 California State University, Monterey Bay  
 California State University, Stanislaus  
 Campaign for America's Future  
 Caring Ambassadors Program, Inc.  
 CCAPP  
 CedarsSinai  
 Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)  
 Center for Science in the Public Interest  
 Center for Women Policy Studies  
 Ceres Community Project  
 ChangeLab Solutions  
 Child Care Aware® of America  
 Child Care Law Center  
 Children's Advocacy Institute  
 Children's Cause for Cancer Advocacy  
 Children's Defense Fund

Children's Environmental Health Network  
Children's Home Society of Washington  
Children's Hospital Association  
Children's Leadership Council  
Children's Mental Health Network  
Clearinghouse on Women's Issues  
Coalition for Clinical and Translational Science  
Coalition for Health Funding  
Coalition of Higher Education Assistance Organizations  
Coalition to Promote Research  
Collaborative for Enhancing Diversity in Science  
Colorado PTA  
Columbia University  
Commission on Adult Basic Education (COABE)  
Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service, Inc.  
Committee for Education Funding  
Community Access National Network (CANN)  
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Community Access Unlimited  
Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA)  
Community Coordinated Child Care, Inc.  
Community Health Partners  
Conestoga High School  
Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf  
Connecticut Association for Human Services  
Connecticut PTA  
Consortium of Social Science Associations  
Corporation for a Skilled Workforce

Directors of Health Promotion and Education  
Disability Law Center of Alaska  
Disability Law Colorado  
Disability Rights Arkansas, Inc.  
Disability Rights California  
Disability Rights Center of VI  
Disability Rights Maine  
Disability Rights Mississippi  
Disability Rights Nebraska  
Disability Rights Network of Pennsylvania  
Disability Rights New Jersey  
Disability Rights New Mexico  
Disability Rights North Carolina  
Disability Rights Tennessee  
Disability Rights Washington  
Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children (DEC)  
Dixie Hollins Adult Education Center  
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation  
Early Edge California  
Easter Seals  
Easter Seals Central Texas  
Easter Seals North Texas  
Easter Seals Rio Grande Valley  
EDGE Consulting  
Endocrine Society  
Epilepsy Foundation  
Erise Williams & Associates, Inc.  
European PTA  
Every Child Matters Education Fund  
EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases  
Faith Partnerships, Inc.  
Family Voices  
Father Martin's Ashley  
Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association  
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology  
Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences  
First Five Years Fund  
First Focus Campaign for Children  
Florida Association of Museums  
Florida PTA  
Friends of AHRQ  
Friends of NCHS  
Friends of NIH Behavioral and Social Sciences Research  
Friends of NIMHD  
Friends of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research  
Futures Without Violence  
GBS|CIDP Foundation International  
Georgetown University  
Georgia PTA

Georgia Public Health Association  
God's Love We Deliver  
Goodwill Industries International  
Green & Healthy Homes Initiative  
Hep C Allian  
Harris County Department of Education  
Health Professions and Nursing Education Coalition  
HealthHIV  
Healthy Kinder, Inc.  
Healthy Teen Network  
Heart Failure Society of America  
Heartland Alliance for Human Needs & Human Rights  
Heightened Independence and Progress  
Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association  
Hemophilia of Georgia  
Hep C Alliance  
Hep Free Hawaii  
Hepatitis B Foundation  
Hepatitis C Allies of Philadelphia (HepCAP)  
Hepatitis Foundation International  
Heritage Health and Housing  
Higher Education Loan Coalition  
Hispanic Dental Association (HDA)  
HIV Medicine Association  
Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters  
IC&RC  
Idaho Public Health Association  
IDEA Infant Toddler Coordinators Association (ITCA)  
Illinois Alcohol & Drug Dependence Association  
Illinois Association for College Admission Counseling  
Immigrant Service Providers Group/Health  
Infectious Diseases Society of America  
Insight Center for Community Economic Development



LanguageArts Inc.  
Latino Commission on AIDS  
League of United Latin American Citizens  
Learning Disabilities Association of America  
Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP)  
Louisiana Council for Exceptional Children  
Louisiana Public Health Association  
Louisiana State PTA  
Lupus Foundation of America  
Lupus Research Institute  
Lutheran Services in America  
Magnet Schools of America  
Maine Children's Alliance  
Maine PTA  
Maine Public Health Association  
Making Change For Children  
March of Dimes  
Maryland Disability Law Center  
Maryland Family Network  
Maryland PTA  
Maryland Public Health Association  
Maryland United for Peace and Justice  
Massachusetts PTA  
McHenry County College  
Meals on Wheels America  
Medical Library Association  
Meharry Medical College  
Mental Health America  
MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership  
Meramec Valley RII School District  
Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation  
Metropolitan Area Neighborhood Nutrition Alliance (MANNA)  
Michigan Association for College Admission Counseling  
Michigan Museums Aheelms AheelmM m09 Tm [( )] TJ ET EMC /PÍ m09 Tm 1( Aheelm)-3(s)11( Aheelm)



National Council of Jewish Women  
 National Council of State Directors of Adult Education (NCSDAE)  
 National Council on Aging  
 National Disability Rights Network  
 National Domestic Violence Hotline  
 National Down Syndrome Congress  
 National Education Association  
 National Environmental Health Association  
 National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association  
 National Fragile X Foundation  
 National Fund for Workforce Solutions  
 National Health Care for the Homeless Council  
 National Hemophilia Foundation  
 National High School Equivalency Program/College Assistance Migrant Program Association  
 National Indian Impacted Schools Association  
 National League for Nursing  
 National Marrow Donor Program/Be The Match  
 National Multiple Sclerosis Society  
 National Network for Youth  
 National Network of Public Health Institutes  
 National Network to End Domestic Violence  
 National Organization for Women  
 National Patient Advocate Foundation  
 National PTA  
 National Recreation and Park Association  
 National Respite Coalition  
 National Rural Education Advocacy Coalition  
 National Rural Education Association  
 National Rural Recruitment and Retention Network (3RNet)  
 National Safety Council  
 National School Boards Association  
 National Skills Coalition  
 National Student Nurses' Association, Inc.  
 National Superintendents Roundtable  
 National Violence Prevention Network  
 National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable  
 National Women's Law Center  
 Native American Disability Law Center  
 Nebraska PTA

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New Mexico Public Health Association  
New Mexico Voices for Children  
New York State Association for College Admissions Counseling  
New York State Association of School Business Officials  
New York State Association of County Health Officials  
New York State PTA  
New York University Langone Medical Center  
North Carolina PTA  
North Carolina Society for Public Health Education  
North Dakota PTA  
North Dakota Public Health Association  
Northwest Association of Education Opportunity Programs  
Noyes Museum  
Ocean Township BOE  
Ohio PTA  
Ohio Public Health Association  
Oklahoma Museums Association  
Oklahoma PTA  
Oncology Nursing Society  
Oral Health America (OHA)  
Oregon Health & Science University  
Oregon PTA  
Oregon Public Health Association  
Oregon State University  
Oregon TRIO Association  
Ounce of Prevention Fund  
Parents as Teachers  
Parkinson's Action Network  
Partners for Our Children  
Partnership for America's Children  
Pediatric Policy Council  
Penn Medicine  
Pennsylvania

ProLiteracy  
ProMedica  
Protection & Advocacy Project  
Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities  
Public Health Foundation  
Public Health Institute  
Pulmonary Hypertension Association  
Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Coalition  
Randolph School  
Reach Out and Read  
Reading Is Fundamental  
Results for America  
Rhode Island Parent Information Network  
Rhode Island PTA  
RiverStone Health  
Rocky Mountain ACAC  
Ryan White Medical Providers Coalition  
Safe States Alliance  
San Diego State University  
San Jose State University  
Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law

Student Aid Alliance  
Student Public Health Association of Missouri  
Student Support Services TRIO MSU Billings  
Suffolk University Upward Bound  
Teach For America  
Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children  
TESOL International Association  
Texas Association for College Admission Counseling  
Texas Association of Museums  
Texas Association of School Business Officials  
Texas Association of Student Special Services Program  
Texas Public Health Association  
The AIDS Institute  
The American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy  
The American Geriatrics Society  
The Arc  
The Arc Central Chesapeake  
The Arc of Illinois  
The Arc of Massachusetts  
The Arc of Shelby County  
The Arc of Ventura County  
The California State University  
The Cave Institute  
The Center for APA Women  
The Children's Alliance  
The Children's Campaign  
The Clinical Research Forum  
The Coalition for the Life Sciences  
The Corps Network  
The Gerontological Society of America  
The Jewish Federations of North America  
The Marfan Foundation  
The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy  
The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America  
The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues  
The Sturge

United Way Worldwide  
University at Buffalo (SUNY)  
University of Alabama at Birmingham Health System  
University of California  
University of California, Irvine  
University of California, Irvine Health  
University of California, Riverside  
University of California, San Diego  
University of California, Santa Barbara  
University of California, Santa Cruz  
University of Colorado Boulder  
University of Florida  
University of Missouri System  
University of New Mexico  
University of North Carolina Charlotte  
University of Rochester  
University of South Carolina  
University of Toledo  
University of Washington  
US Hereditary Angioedema Association  
Us Against Alzheimer's  
Vermont Educational Opportunity Association  
Vermont Public Health Association  
Virginia Congress of Parents and Teachers  
Voices for Florida  
Voices 6 Tomorrow  
Washington State Association of Head Start & ECEAP  
Washington State PTA  
Washington State Public Health Association  
Washington State TRIO Association  
Wellspring Family Services  
West Virginia Center of Excellence for Disabilities  
West Virginia PTA  
West Virginia TRIO Incorporated  
Western Museums Association  
Wisconsin Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel  
Wisconsin Council of Administrators of Special Services  
WomenHeart: The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease  
Wyoming Congress of Parents and Teachers Association  
Yale University  
YMCA of the USA  
Young Invincibles  
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