

June 3, 2024

The Honorable Patty Murray
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Susan Collins
Vice Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair Murray, Vice Chair Collins, Chair Granger, and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As you consider appropriations for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025,

related violence and to rigorously evaluate the effectiveness of prevention strategies.⁴ Several of these projects provide insights on how to reduce suicide risk in U.S. Army soldiers and veterans, how to partner with families and adolescents in rural areas to promote firearm safety, how to improve efforts to reduce urban firearm injuries, and the relationship between firearm access and opioid-related harm on firearm suicide risk, among other topics. And this research is already yielding valuable results, including insights into how children and teens experience gun violence in big cities and its impacts on their health, the needs of young people involved with the juvenile justice system who are at particularly high risk of experiencing firearm violence, and crisis hotline data to better understand how mass shootings impact young people.⁵ The NIH is funding research on the determinants of firearm injury, the identification of those at risk, and the evaluation of innovative interventions.^{6,7,8}

These initial investments are important, but increased funding is still needed to overcome the decades-long lack of federal funding that set back our public health response to the public health issue of firearm-related morbidity and mortality. The agencies have received many more quality proposals than they are able to fund, and additional funding can generate research into important issues, such as the best ways to prevent unintended firearm injuries and fatalities among women and children; the most effective methods to prevent firearm-related suicides; the measures that can best prevent the next shooting at a school or public place; and numerous other vital public health questions.

Our groups strongly urge Congress to increase the funding level to \$35 million for the CDC, \$25 million for the NIH, and \$1 million for the NIJ for firearm morbidity and mortality prevention research as part of FY 2025 appropriations. Continued and expanded funding could support the creation of additional, large, multi-year studies and accelerate the rebuilding of a research community that shrank in the decades before Congress restored this federal funding. Robust and sustained research on motor vehicle crashes and subsequent legislation has helped save hundreds of thousands of lives through public health interventions, including seat belts and other safety features. The same approach can help reduce firearm-related injuries in our communities, including ensuring that the CDC, NIH, and NIJ are able to

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American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM)
American Society of Hematology
American Society of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology
American Society of Pediatric Nephrology
American Society of Pediatric Neurosurgeons
American Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology
American Sociological Association
American Thoracic Society
American Trauma Society
Association for Prevention Teaching and Research
Association for Psychological Science
Association of Academic Physiatrists
Association of American Medical Colleges
Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO)
Association of Chairs of Departments of Physiology
Association of Departments of Family Medicine
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs
Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs
Association of Pathology Chairs
Association of Population Centers
Association of Rehabilitation Nurses
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health
Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
Begun Center for Violence Prevention Research and Education, Case Western Reserve University
Big Cities Health Coalition
Camp Fire National
Catholic Health Association of the United States
Center for the Study of Social Policy (CSSP)
Child Injury Prevention Alliance
Child Neurology Foundation
Child Welfare League of America
Children's Advocacy Institute
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Children's Hospital Association
Columbia University Scientific Union for the Reduction of Gun Violence
Congress of Neurological Surgeons
Council of Pediatric Subspecialties
Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists
Council on Social Work Education
Doctors for America
Education Development Center
Family Centered Treatment Foundation
Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences
First Focus Campaign for Children
Futures Without Violence
Ginger Lee Global Health Consulting Group
GLMA: Health Professionals Advancing LGBTQ+ Equality

HealthConnect One
Health Resources in Action
Healthy Teen Network
Institute for Child Success
International Association of Forensic Nurses
Jewish Women International
Kids and Car Safety
Kula Empowered
Latino Commission on AIDS, Inc.
MomsRising
NAPCRG
NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Asian Pacific American Families Against Substance Abuse (NAPAFASA)
National Association of County and City Health Officials
National Association of Medical Examiners
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
National Association of School Psychologists
National Association of Social Workers
National Association of State Emergency Medical Services Officials
National Hispanic Health Foundation
National Hispanic Medical Association
National League for Nursing
National Network of Public Health Institutes
National Nurse-Led Care Consortium
National Organization for Women
National Prevention Science Coalition to Improve Lives
National PTA
National Safety Council
North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition
OnCall4Kids
Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation
Peace Through Action USA
Pediatric & Young Adult Oncology
Pediatric Endocrine Society
Pediatric Policy Council
Policy Center for Maternal Mental Health
Population Association of America
Prevention Institute
Primary Care Development Corporation
Public Health Institute
Rese02!America
Safe States Alliance
Sandy Hook Promise

Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine
Society for Pediatric Anesthesia
Society for Pediatric Pathology
Society for Pediatric Radiology
Society for Pediatric Research
Society for Prevention Research
Society for Public Health Education
Society for Women's Health Research
Society of Critical Care Medicine
Society of General Internal Medicine
Society of Hospital Medicine
Society of Laparoscopic and Robotic Surgeons
Society of Teachers of Family Medicine
Society of University Surgeons
Stop Abuse Campaign
Survivor Justice Action
The American Psychoanalytic Association
The Consortium of Social Science Associations
The Health Alliance for Violence Intervention
The National Alliance to Advance Adolescent Health
The Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America
The Redwoods Group Foundation
The Society for Research in Child Development (SRCDD)
The Society of Thoracic Surgeons
The Triological Society
Trinity Health
Trust for America's Health
University of Michigan
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC)

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Arizona

Arizona Association of School Psychologists
Arizona Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence
Arizona Public Health Association
Prevent Child Abuse Arizona

Arkansas

Arkansas Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
Arkansas Chapter -

District of Columbia

American Academy of Pediatrics, DC Chapter

DC Action

Massachusetts

Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts (BIA-MA)
Disability Law Center (MA)
Massachusetts College of Emergency Physicians
Massachusetts School Psychologists Association
The Massachusetts Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
YMCA of Greater Boston

Michigan

Brain Injury Association of Michigan
Michigan Chapter - National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
Michigan Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics
Michigan College of Emergency Physicians
Michigan Council for Maternal and Child Health
Physicians for the Prevention of Gun Violence
The Arc Michigan

Minnesota

Minnesota Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
Minnesota Chapter - National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
Minnesota Public Health Association

Mississippi

NAMI Vicksburg, MS

Missouri

Missouri Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
Missouri Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence

New Hampshire
NHAAP

New Jersey
Family Voices NJ
NAMI Essex/Passaic
New Jersey ACEP

North Carolina

Atrium Health-Levine Children's Hospital
Duke Health
NAMI Cabarrus
NC College of Emergency Physicians
NC Pediatric Society
NC Public Health Association
NCSPA
North Carolina Chapter - National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
Positive Childhood Alliance NC

North Dakota

North Dakota Chapter of the AAP

Ohio

American College of Emergency Physicians, Ohio Chapter
Cleveland Peacemakers Inc
National Children's Hospital
Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence (OAESV)
Ohio Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
Ohio School Psychologists Association

Oklahoma

NAMI Oklahoma
Oklahoma Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics

Puerto Rico

Puerto Rico ACEP Chapter

Rhode Island

American Academy of Pediatrics, Rhode Island Chapter

Rhode Island Neurological Society

The Rhode Island Public Health Association

South Carolina

NAMI South Carolina

SCAAP

South Carolina Association of School Psychologists

South Dakota

South Dakota Chapter - AAP

South Dakota Public Health Association (SDPHA)

Tennessee

Family Voices of Tennessee

Life Paths Research Center

Tennessee ACEP Chapter

Tennessee Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

Tennessee Public Health Association

Youth Villages

Texas

Houston, Texas Chapter - National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners

South Texas Alamo Chapter - National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners

Texas Neurological Society

Texas Pediatric Society

Utah

American Academy of Pediatrics, Utah Chapter

Prevent Child Abuse Utah

Utah Association of School Psychologists

Utah Chapter - National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners

Utah Public Health Association

Vermont

AAP Vermont Chapter

Vermont ACEP Chapter

Vermont Public Health Association

Virginia

Virginia Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics

Virginia Commonwealth University

