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## Regarding Funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Dear Mr. President:

As you prepare to deliver your fiscal year 2008 budget request to Congress, the undersigned organizations respectfully request that you substantially increase overall funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) - our nation's premier health protection agency.

While testifying before Congress early in 2006, the CDC's Director, Dr. Julie Gerberding, was asked to express a professional judgment on what funding level the agency would need to accomplish all of the work Congress has directed the agency to undertake. In response, Dr. Gerberding wrote in March of 2006 that she felt the agency's budget would need to grow from the current \$8 billion to \$15 billion over the next five years. We ask that the Administration begin moving the agency in this direction.

In each of the past two fiscal years, your Administration submitted budget requests to Congress proposing significant *reductions* to core programs at the CDC. Taken together, cuts outlined in your budget requests equaled an eight percent reduction in core funding in just two years. While much needed bioterrorism funding and pandemic preparedness dollars were greatly increased in the CDC's recent budgets, the strength of program areas that protect Americans from everyday illnesses, conditions and injuries is being eroded.

The CDC remains highly regarded for applying sound science to drive disease control and prevention activities. The agency is also influential in improving the health of Americans by leveraging strong partnerships with state, local and county health officials. The link between the CDC and local health officials allows for the expanded reach of the CDC's science-based activities. This model of delivery also ensures a strong federal and state partnership that brings health programs to the public where they live, learn, work, play and pray.

To ensure we are adequately prepared to respond to an array of emerging and recurring health threats, the CDC's core programs must be strengthened. Americans are constantly bombarded with threats to their health and safety. Emerging infectious diseases, environmental health threats, natural disasters or possible bioterrorist events and the continued concern over an avian influenza pandemic are only some of the well publicized issues the CDC monitors and constantly guards us against.

The Honorable George W. Bush  
October 19, 2006

The CDC works on other critical *and preventable* public health issues that simply do not make the daily headlines.

- Obesity, asthma, diabetes, osteoporosis and arthritis are *on the rise* in the United States – the first three of which are presenting themselves in our youth at alarming rates.
- Cardiovascular disease, injuries and cancer continue to disable or kill Americans. More could be done to lower the prevalence of suffering, death and disability from chronic illnesses and other causes.
- Efforts to ensure the continued good health and safety of the baby boomer generation will have dramatic fiscal impacts on other federal health programs and – more importantly – could lower disability, suffering and premature death rates among older Americans.
- Children and infants continue to be adversely affected by birth defects, developmental disabilities, unintended injuries, environmental hazards, illnesses and diseases – many of which can be detected, prevented, or curtailed through the CDC’s evidence-based federal programs.
- Tuberculosis, occupational safety, domestic HIV/AIDS and STD programs as well as public health research budgets are being eroded with each year of level funding or through real dollar reductions.
- Local outbreaks of the mumps in the Midwest, of botulism in Georgia, of *E. coli* nationally and the continued spread of antimicrobial resistant organisms and vector-borne diseases across several parts of the country also help illustrate the importance of the CDC’s less publicized health protection work.
- Core funding for immunization programs is eroding for this vital public health function at a time when the benefits of immunization extend into adolescence and adulthood. Further, new vaccines are becoming available that will prevent disease and promote better health in the population.

Public health demands sustained, strong financial investment as well as constant attention. The longer-term nature of maintaining our health and minimizing threats necessitates that we continue to invest now to protect the future health of our nation.

Given the nature of today’s constantly changing health threats, under-funding the CDC is a dangerous risk we cannot take. The CDC’s roles and responsibilities are expanding to deal with emerging and recurring health threats – yet their current level of funding does not reflect the full scope of activities they must continue to undertake to protect our nation’s health.

Proposals to cut this critical agency will negatively impact the health and safety of the American public over the long term. As the budget process continues, we ask that you sufficiently support this vital federal agency by adequately funding the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Sincerely,

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