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May 23, 2006

The Honorable Jerry Lewis
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Lewis:

On March 15th of 2006, Dr. Julie Gerberding, the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), testified before the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Subcommittee. At that hearing, Congressman Steny Hoyer asked Dr. Gerberding for her professional judgment regarding the level of funding that should be allocated if her agency is to meet the challenges facing public health.

Dr. Gerberding responded to the committee in writing. Rather than reflecting the proposed cuts outlined in the President's budget request, Dr. Gerberding's professional judgment recommended that CDC receive significant increases.

Dr. Gerberding's response to the committee highlights the need for Congress to increase the CDC's FY 2007 budget by \$850 million over the prior year level. Dr. Gerberding states that further increases over the next five budget years would "allow CDC to prepare and respond to today's urgent threats and urgent realities." During her testimony, the Director had pointed to pandemic influenza and bioterrorism as "urgent threats." Dr. Gerberding then offered that CDC is working to reduce the prevalence of obesity, chronic disease, injury and other preventable diseases. These she considers the "urgent realities" that kill or disable millions of Americans each year.

In her response, Dr. Gerberding stated that CDC would, "...maximize impact through targeted investment in the most effective interventions and the most promising science, bringing to scale quickly what works best."

Our future holds many health challenges. We respectfully ask you to consider Dr. Gerberding's response to the committee and the CDC's proven track record of protecting Americans from existing and emerging health threats. Investing in CDC programs is one of the most effective ways to reduce preventable illness, injury, disability and death.

The Honorable Jerry Lewis
May 23, 2006

Cutting the budget of our nation's most trusted health agency is a mistake we cannot afford to make again this year.

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