

# VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE FY 2008 LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS BILL

June 20, 2007

Dear Representative:

The undersigned education, training, disability, public health, health and biomedical research, child welfare organizations, elected officials, and labor unions representing the full range of stakeholders in the programs of the Departments of Education, Health and Human Services and Labor urge you to vote in favor of the FY 2008 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Bill when the bill is debated on the House floor. The bill, which received unanimous, bipartisan support by the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Subcommittee, provides a modest, 4.8 percent overall increase for programs in the bill, most of which have experienced significant cuts, lost purchasing power, or both over the past three years. This fiscally responsible effort to turn around the steady divestment in some of the most important domestic programs Congress funds deserves your strong support. America cannot sustain its global scientific and economic leadership, national security and citizens' health and well-being without increasing its investment in these critical program areas.

To respond to this letter, please contact Dr. Marcia Mabee, Executive Director, Coalition for Health Funding: 703-709-3001, or Dr. Edward Kealy, Executive Director, Committee for Education Funding: 202-383-0083.

Respectfully,

Academy of General Dentistry  
Advocates for EMS  
Alliance of the American Dental Association  
Alpha-1 Association  
Alpha-1 Foundation  
American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology  
American Academy of Nursing  
American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Academy of Physician Assistants  
American Association for Clinical Chemistry  
American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry  
American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy  
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 Neurological Surgeons  
American College of Cardiology

American College of Clinical Pharmacy  
American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine  
American College of Physicians  
American College of Preventive Medicine  
American College of Surgeons  
American Dance Therapy Association  
American Dental Association  
American Dental Hygienists' Association  
American Geriatrics Society  
American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering  
American Nurses Association  
American Optometric Association  
American Osteopathic Association  
American Podiatric Medical Association  
American Psychiatric Association  
American Psychological Association  
American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science  
American Society for Microbiology  
American Society for Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics  
American Society of Nephrology  
American Society of Radiologic Technologists  
American Tinnitus Association  
American Trauma Society  
AO North America  
Association for Prevention Teaching and Research  
Association of Air Medical Services  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs  
Association of Population Centers  
Association of Psychological Science  
Association of Public Health Laboratories  
Association of Schools of Public Health  
Association of State & Territorial Health Officials  
Association of University Centers on Disability  
Association of University Programs in Health Administration  
Association of Women's Health, Obstetric, and Neonatal Nurses  
Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America  
Autism Society of America  
Autism Speaks  
Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law  
Brain Injury Association of America  
Child Welfare League of America  
Coalition for American Trauma Care  
Coalition for Health Funding  
Coalition for Health Services Research  
Congress of Neurological Surgeons

Connecticut Legal Services, Inc  
COPD Foundation  
Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists  
Critical Illness and Trauma Foundation  
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation  
Daytop Village  
Diabetes Care Coalition  
Directors of Health Promotion and Education  
Easter Seals  
Emergency Medicine Network  
Epilepsy Foundation  
Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health.  
Friends of AHRQ  
Friends of NCHS  
Gateway Foundation  
General Clinical Research Centers Program Directors Association  
Greater Hartford Legal Aid  
Infectious Diseases Society of America  
Iowa Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health  
Kentucky Rural Health Association  
Learning Disabilities Association of America  
Marshfield Clinic, Marshfield, Wisconsin  
Mental Health America  
Multiple Sclerosis Society  
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research  
National Alliance on Mental Illness  
National Association for Geriatric Education  
National Association for Geriatric Education Centers  
National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems  
National Association of Chronic Disease Directors  
National Association of Community Health Centers  
National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities  
National Association of County and City Health Officials  
National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors  
National Association of Social Workers  
National Association of State Directors of Special Education  
National Association of State Head Injury Administrators  
National Business Coalition on Health  
National Business Group on Health  
National Caucus of Basic Biomedical Science Chairs  
National Conference of Mayors and Workforce Alliance  
National Conference of State Legislators  
National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare  
National Kidney Foundation  
National Recreation and Park Association  
National Rural Health Association

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Northwest Montana Human Resources

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Population Association of America

Prevent Blindness America

Rural Health Association of Utah

Service Employees International Union

Sjögren's Syndrome Foundation

Society of Hospital Medicine

The American Academy of HIV Medicine

Therapeutic Communities of America

Three Seventeen (317) Coalition

Trauma Managers Association of California

Trust for America's Health

YMCA of the U.S.A.