

**IT'S TIME TO MAKE PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING**  
**A NATIONAL PRIORITY**

January 29, 2004

Dear President Bush and Members of Congress:

The health of all Americans is at risk from an unprecedented range of threats, including: chronic diseases and disabilities, infectious and food borne illnesses, biological and chemical terrorism, mental disorders and substance abuse, catastrophic injuries, and a shortage of healthcare providers and trained public health workers.

Our nation's public health system will not be able to respond adequately to these threats without additional resources for the continuum of medical research, prevention, treatment and training programs. We urge you to increase discretionary funding for public health through the Function 550 budget allocation in Fiscal Year 2005 by 12 percent. This investment is critical to improving the health, safety and security of our nation.

Sincerely,

AAHP-HIAA	American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine
Academic Health Centers Clinical Research Forum	American Association of Community Colleges
Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research Funding	American Association of Diabetes Educators
Administrators of Internal Medicine	The American Association of Immunologists
Advocates for EMS	American Association of Neurological Surgeons
Advocates for Youth	American Association of People with Disabilities
Aeras Global TB Vaccine Foundation	American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association
AFSCME	American Cancer Society
AIDS Action	American Clinical Laboratory Association
AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth & Families	American College Health Association
AIDS Foundation of Chicago	American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology
The AIDS Institute	American College of Cardiology
Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing	American College of Chest Physicians
Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine	American College of Clinical Pharmacology
Alliance for Aging Research	American College of Neuropsychopharmacology
Alliance for Healthy Homes	American College of Nuclear Physicians
Alliance for Lung Cancer Advocacy Support and Education	American College of Nurse-Midwives
Alpha-1 Association	American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
Alpha-1 Foundation	American College of Physicians
Alzheimer's Association	American College of Preventive Medicine
Ambulatory Pediatric Association	American College of Rheumatology
American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology	American College of Surgeons
American Academy of Anesthesiologist Assistants	American Counseling Association
American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	American Dance Therapy Association
American Academy of Dermatology Association	American Dental Association
American Academy of Family Physicians	American Dental Education Association
American Academy of HIV Medicine	American Dental Hygienists' Association
American Academy of Neurology	American Diabetes Association
American Academy of Nurse Practitioners	American Dietetic Association
American Academy of Pediatrics	American Federation for Medical Research
American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	American Foundation for AIDS Research
American Academy of Physician Assistants	American Foundation for Urologic Disease
American Association for Cancer Research	American Gastroenterological Association
American Association for Dental Research	American Geriatrics Society
American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry	American Heart Association
American Association for Health Education	American Hospital Association
American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases	American Liver Foundation
American Association of Blood Banks	American Lung Association
American Association of Colleges of Nursing	American Medical Rehabilitation Providers Association
American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine	American Medical Student Association
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy	American Mental Health Counselors Association

American Neurological Association  
 American Nurses Association  
 American Osteopathic Association  
 American Pediatric Society  
 American Physical Therapy Association  
 American Physiological Society  
 American Podiatric Medical Association  
 American Psychiatric Association  
 American Psychiatric Nurses Association  
 American Psychological Society  
 American Public Health Association  
 American School Health Association  
 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 Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics  
 The American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology (ASTRO)  
 American Society of Clinical Oncology  
 American Society of Hematology  
 American Society of Nephrology  
 American Society of Pediatric Nephrology  
 American Society of Radiologic Technologists  
 American Stroke Association  
 American Thoracic Society  
 American Tinnitus Association  
 American Urological Association  
 Americans for Medical Progress  
 America's Blood Centers  
 The Arc of the United States  
 Arthritis Foundation  
 Association of Academic Health Centers  
 Association of American Cancer Institutes  
 Association of American Medical Colleges  
 Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges  
 Association of Black Cardiologists  
 Association of Departments of Family Medicine  
 Association of Educators in the Radiologic Sciences  
 Association of Family Practice Residency Directors  
 Association of General Clinical Research Centers Program Directors  
 Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs  
 Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs  
 Association of Minority Health Professions Schools  
 Association of Organ Procurement Organizations  
 Association of Professors of Medicine  
 Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine  
 Association of Public Health Laboratories  
 Association of Reproductive Health Professionals  
 Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry  
 Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions  
 Association of Schools of Public Health  
 Association of State and Territorial Directors of Health Promotion and Health Education  
 Association of State and Territorial Health Officials  
 Association of State and Territorial Public Health Nutrition Directors  
 Association of Subspecialty Professors  
 Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine  
 Association of University Centers on Disabilities  
 Association of University Programs in Health Administration  
 Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses  
 Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America  
 Autism Society of America  
 Bazelon Center For Mental Health Law  
 Boys Town National Research Hospital  
 Brain Injury Association of America  
 The Breast Cancer Fund  
 Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation  
 California Association of Addiction Recovery Resources  
 California Association of Alcohol and Drug Program Executives, Inc.  
 Campaign for Medical Research  
 Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids  
 Cancer Research and Prevention Foundation  
 Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation  
 Catholic Charities of Jackson, MS  
 Center for Disability Issues and the Health Professions  
 Center for Science in the Public Interest  
 Center for the Advancement of Health  
 Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science  
 Child Policy Research Center at Cincinnati Children's Hospital  
 Children & Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)  
 Children's Environmental Health Network  
 Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation  
 Chronic Disease Directors  
 Citizens for a Clean Environment  
 Clerkship Directors in Internal Medicine  
 Coalition for American Trauma Care  
 Coalition for Blood Disease and Blood Safety Research  
 Coalition for Health Funding  
 Coalition for Health Services Research  
 Coalition of National Cancer Cooperative Groups  
 Coalition of National Health Education Organizations  
 Colon Cancer Alliance  
 Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service  
 Community Action to Fight Asthma  
 Community Against Pollution  
 Compliant Corporation  
 Concerned Resident Initiative (CRI)  
 Congress of Neurological Surgeons  
 Connecticut Association of Substance Abuse Agencies  
 Consortium of Social Science Associations  
 Cooley's Anemia Foundation  
 Coriell Institute for Medical Research  
 Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists  
 Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America  
 Delta Dental Plans Association  
 Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance  
 Developmental Disabilities Research Centers  
 Digestive Disease National Coalition  
 Directors of Health Promotion and Education  
 Dystonia Medical Research Foundation  
 Easter Seals  
 Education Law Center-PA  
 Environmental Coalition of Mississippi  
 Environmental Defense  
 Epilepsy Foundation  
 ESA, Inc.  
 Eye Bank Association of America  
 Eyes on the Prize  
 Families Against Cancer and Toxins  
 Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health  
 First Candle/Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Alliance  
 FIST (Families in Search of Truth)  
 FRAXA Research Foundation  
 Friends of Indian Health  
 Friends of the National Institute for Child Health and Human Development  
 Friends of the National Institute for Dental and Craniofacial Research  
 Friends of the National Library of Medicine  
 The Gerontological Society of America  
 Global Health Council  
 Goodwin Douglas Community Development Corporation  
 Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America  
 Health Professions Network  
 Helen Keller National Center  
 Hemophilia Federation of America  
 Hepatitis Foundation International  
 Hispanic-Serving Health Professions Schools, Inc.  
 HIV Medicine Association  
 Illinois Alcoholism and Drug Dependence Association  
 Immune Deficiency Foundation  
 Infectious Diseases Society of America  
 The Injury Coalition  
 Institute for Children's Environmental Health  
 Intercultural Cancer Council Caucus  
 International & American Associations for Dental Research  
 Inter-National Association of Business, Industry and Rehabilitation  
 International Foundation for Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders  
 International Myeloma Foundation  
 The International Pemphigus Foundation  
 Iowa Substance Abuse Program Directors' Association  
 Jeffrey Modell Foundation

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International  
 Kidney Cancer Association  
 Lance Armstrong Foundation  
 Last Acts Partnership  
 Legal Action Center  
 The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society  
 Lighthouse International  
 Lymphoma Research Foundation  
 Maine Association of Substance Abuse Programs  
 March of Dimes  
 Medical Dermatology Society  
 Mended Hearts, Inc.  
 Men's Health Network  
 MICAH's Mission-Ministry to Improve Childhood & Adolescence Health  
 Morehouse School of Medicine  
 Mothers and Daughters Protecting Children's Health (MADPCH)  
 Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America, Inc.  
 NAADAC – The Association for Addiction Professionals  
 NARAL Pro-Choice  
 NASPE-Heart Rhythm Society  
 National AHEC Organization  
 National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research  
 National Alliance for Nutrition and Activity  
 National Alliance for the Mentally Ill  
 National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors  
 National Alliance to End Homelessness  
 National Alopecia Areata Foundation  
 National Association for Biomedical Research  
 National Association for Children's Behavioral Health  
 National Association of Children's Hospitals  
 National Association of Community Health Centers  
 National Association of County and City Health Officials  
 National Association of Local Boards of Health  
 National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems  
 National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems  
 National Association of Social Workers  
 National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors  
 National Association of State EMS Directors  
 National Association of State Universities & Land-Grant Colleges  
 National Athletic Trainers' Association  
 National Black Caucus of State Legislators  
 National Black Church Family Council  
 National Black Nurses Association  
 National Caucus of Basic Biomedical Science Chairs  
 National Coalition for Cancer Research (NCCR)  
 National Coalition for Heart and Stroke Research  
 National Coalition for Osteoporosis and Related Bone Diseases  
 The National Coalition of STD Directors  
 National Coalition on Deaf-Blindness  
 National Council on Family Relations  
 National Environmental Education & Training Foundation  
 National Family Caregivers Association  
 National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association  
 National Fragile X Foundation  
 National Health Council  
 National Hemophilia Foundation  
 National Hispanic Medical Association  
 National Indian Health Board  
 National Kidney Foundation  
 The National Marfan Foundation  
 National Mental Health Association  
 National Multiple Sclerosis Society  
 National Nursing Centers Consortium  
 National Organization for Rare Disorders  
 The National Osteoporosis Foundation  
 National Psoriasis Foundation  
 National Psoriasis Foundation  
 National Respite Coalition  
 National Sleep Foundation  
 National Stroke Association  
 NephCure Foundation  
 Neuropathy Association  
 Nevada Alliance for Addictive Disorders Advocacy, Prevention and Treatment Services  
 NHLBI Constituency Group  
 North America Primary Care Research Group  
 North American Brain Tumor Coalition  
 Oncology Nursing Society  
 Orthopaedic Trauma Association  
 Ovarian Cancer National Alliance  
 The Paget Foundation for Paget's Disease of Bone and Related Disorders  
 Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN)  
 Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy  
 Parkinson's Action Network  
 Patient Databases  
 Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation  
 Pennsylvania School Reform Network  
 Physicians for Social Responsibility  
 Population Association of America/Association of Population Centers  
 Prevent Blindness America  
 Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association  
 Produce for Better Health Foundation  
 Protein Society  
 Public Health Foundation  
 Pulmonary Hypertension Association  
 Research in Child Development  
 Research to Prevent Blindness  
 Research to Prevention  
 Research!America  
 RESOLVE, The National Infertility Association  
 Rosalynn Carter Institute for Human Development, Georgia Southwestern State University  
 RTI International  
 S.T.O.P. - Safe Tables Our Priority  
 Sarcoidosis Awareness Network  
 The Sarcoma Foundation of America  
 Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition/Computer TakeBack Campaign  
 Sjogren's Syndrome Foundation  
 Society for Adolescent Medicine  
 Society for Maternal Fetal Medicine  
 Society for Neuroscience  
 Society for Pediatric Research  
 Society for Public Health Education  
 Society for Vascular Surgery  
 Society for Women's Health Research  
 Society of General Internal Medicine  
 The Society of Gynecologic Oncologists  
 Society of Interventional Radiology  
 Society of Nuclear Medicine  
 Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologist Section  
 Society of Teachers of Family Medicine  
 Special Olympics, Inc.  
 Spina Bifida Association of America  
 State Associations of Addiction Services  
 Strategic Health Institute  
 Sturge-Weber Foundation  
 The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation  
 TeenScreen  
 Tennessee Environmental Council  
 Tennessee Health Care Campaign  
 Thunderhead Alliance  
 Title II Community AIDS National Network  
 Trust for America's Health  
 Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance  
 United Cerebral Palsy  
 United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association  
 United Ostomy Association  
 United Spinal Association  
 Us Too International Prostate Cancer Education and Support Network  
 Wisconsin Association for Biomedical Research & Education  
 World Institute on Disability  
 YMCA of the USA  
 Y-Me National Breast Cancer Organization