

March XX, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
House Appropriations Subcommittee
on Labor, Health and Human Services,
Education, and Related Agencies
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Subcommittee
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The Honorable Patty Murray
Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee
on Labor, Health and Human Services,
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Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Roy Blunt
Ranking Member
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee
on Labor, Health and Human Services,
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Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairwomen DeLauro and Murray and Ranking Members Cole and Blunt:

The undersigned public health, environmental health and other supporting organizations write to you to express our support for increased funding for the Center for Disease Control and National Center for Environmental Health in the FY 2022 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. We thank you for the important increased funding provided to NCEH in FY 2021 and we urge you to build upon this increase as you work to develop the FY 2022 bill.

As Congress moves forward with the appropriations process for FY 2022, we urge you to provide at least \$322 million to NCEH to ensure all of its programs are adequately funded. This funding will

Strengthening and expanding funding to additional states under the National Asthma Control Program that tracks asthma prevalence, promotes asthma control and prevention and builds capacity in state programs. It is estimated that almost 25 million Americans currently have asthma, including nearly 6 million children. The program has been highly effective: the rate of asthma has increased, yet asthma mortality and morbidity rates have