

March 18, 2022

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chairman
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Shelby
Vice Chairman
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro, Chairman Leahy, Ranking Member Granger, Vice Chairman Shelby

On behalf of the Vector-Borne Disease Network (VBDN), we write to express our gratitude for completing the fiscal year (FY) 2022 appropriations process. We are especially appreciative of the increased funding to address vector-borne diseases (VBD) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The VBDN is a stakeholder group of nonprofit organizations led by the Entomological Society of America (ESA) that aims to reduce human and animal suffering caused by arthropod disease vectors. Notorious public health threats, such as Lyme disease, Zika, malaria, and West Nile virus, are transmitted by arthropod vectors like ticks and mosquitoes.

