

April 1, 2019

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Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
Vice Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
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The Honorable Nita Lowey  
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Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives  
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The 550 undersigned organizations—representing the full range of stakeholders supporting the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies appropriations bill (Labor-HHS)—urge you to significantly boost the fiscal year (FY) 2020 allocation for that Subcommittee to address vital and long-neglected needs. The programs and services funded by the Labor-HHS-Education Subcommittee have a profound impact on health and well-being, child development, educational and skills attainment, and productivity, yet they have been overlooked in the appropriations process over the last decade. Even in years when non-defense discretionary funding increased, the Subcommittee's allocation remained flat or received only a small share of the increase. Most recently, for FY 2019 the bill received just a 0.6 percent increase in funding even though overall non-defense discretionary funding increased by 3 percent, shortchanging important services and activities by billions of dollars.

To provide workable allocations for the FY 2020 appropriations bills, Congress will need to raise the cap on non-defense discretionary spending substantially above the FY 2019 level, both to support ongoing services across the government and to accommodate the increased cost of the decennial census and the VA Choice program. We urge you to take that opportunity to address the long-standing needs of the Labor-HHS-Education bill, whose programs strengthen the nation by improving Americans' lives and meeting basic needs for a broad range of constituencies. The bill has lost almost \$16 billion in purchasing power over the last decade; it would take an allocation of \$194 billion just to return to the FY 2010 level in inflation-adjusted dollars.

The effects of chronic underfunding for the Labor-HHS-Education bill has impacted programs that support education, public health, health research, job training, and social services. The effects include:

- Serving 1.5 million fewer low-income people through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) in 2018 than in 2010, despite growing need, because funding was reduced from \$5.1 billion to \$3.7 billion over this period.
- Eroding the public health infrastructure and workforce, limiting our ability to respond to public health crises and monitor health trends for new and emerging threats.
- Hindering efforts to raise overall student achievement, close troubling achievement gaps, and increase high school graduation rates, college affordability, and college completion.

- Leaving far too many low-income children without access to high quality preschool and other early learning opportunities.
- Hindering efforts of our local employers to fill the approximately six million open jobs in the U.S. because too many workers lack the necessary postsecondary education and credentials to fill these positions.
- Preventing almost one million citizens from accessing the critical workforce and job training services that Congress overwhelmingly authorized in 2014.
- Ignoring the needs of individuals who find themselves without a high school credential and who need a pathway back to education, employment and active citizenship.

Without a substantial increase in the Subcommittee's allocation, it will be virtually impossible to meaningfully expand investments in important initiatives—such as public health emergency preparedness and infectious disease surveillance, implementing the bipartisan Every Student Succeeds Act, continuing to improve college affordability and completion, or achieving the intended innovation of the bipartisan Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA)—without deep cuts in other equally important initiatives.

We urge you to commit to improving the lives of Americans by significantly raising the cap on non-defense discretionary spending above the FY 2019 level and then boosting the allocation for the Labor-HHS-Education bill for FY 2020 to support needed services to the American public.

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Sincerely,

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Academy for Radiology & Biomedical Imaging Research  
Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics  
AcademyHealth  
ACT for NIH Foundation  
Action, Inc.  
Addiction Connections Resource  
Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research  
Adrian Rea Adult Literacy Center  
Advance CTE

AFL-CIO  
African American Health Alliance  
AFSCME  
Afterschool Alliance  
Agape Missions, NFP  
AIDS Alabama South  
AIDS Alliance for Women, Infants, Children, Youth & Families  
AIDS United  
Alaska Literacy Program, Inc.  
Alliance for Excellent Education  
Alliance for Refugee and Immigrant Education of WNY (AIRE-WNY)  
American Academy of Family Physicians  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Alliance of Museums  
American Association for Dental Research  
American Association of Colleges of Nursing  
American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine  
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy  
American Association of Community Colleges  
American Association of Neuromuscular and Electrodiagnostic Medicine  
American Association of State Colleges and Universities  
American Association on Health and Disability  
American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP)  
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
American College of Physicians  
American College of Preventive Medicine  
American College of Rheumatology  
American Council on Education  
American Counseling Association  
American Dance Therapy Association  
American Dental Education Association  
American Diabetes Association  
American Federation of Teachers  
American Heart Association  
American Library Association  
American Liver Foundation

American Lung Association  
American Medical Women's Association  
American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR)  
American Nurses Association  
American Organization of Nurse Executives  
American Physiological Society  
American Podiatric Medical Association  
American Psychological Association  
American Public Health Association  
American School Counselor Association  
American School Health Association  
American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
American Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation  
American Society for Investigative Pathology  
American Society for Nutrition  
American Society for Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics  
American Society of Hematology  
American Society of Nephrology  
American Society of Pediatric Nephrology  
American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene  
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)  
American Thoracic Society  
Anti-Poverty Network of New Jersey  
Anxiety and Depression Association of America  
Appalachian Conservation Corps- Conservation Legacy  
Arise For Social Justice  
Arizona Conservation Corps  
Arizona School Administrators  
Arkansas Community Organizations  
Arthritis Foundation  
Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum  
Association for Ambulatory Behavioral Healthcare  
Association for Career and Technical Education  
Association for Clinical and Translational Science  
Association for Prevention Teaching and Research  
Association for Psychological Science



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Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology  
Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Association of American Universities  
Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges  
Association of Assistive Technology Act Programs  
Association of Clinicians for the Underserved  
Association of Departments of Family Medicine  
Association of Educational Service Agencies  
Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors  
Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs  
Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities  
Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents  
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs  
Association of Minority Health Professions Schools  
Association of Population Centers  
Association of Public and Land-grant Universities  
Association of Public Health Laboratories  
Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO)  
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health  
Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions  
Association of State and Territorial Health Officials  
Association of University Centers on Disabilities  
Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses  
Augustus F. Hawkins Foundation  
Authors & Editors 2Learn-English  
Autism Society of America  
Autistic Self Advocacy Network  
AYE of Catholic Charities of LA  
Battle of Homestead Foundation  
Bayard Rustin Liberation Initiative  
Big Cities Health Coalition  
Biophysical Society  
Bogota Public Library  
Brotherly Love Church of God in Christ  
Buckeye Association of School Administrators



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Butler Community College Adult Education  
California Consortium of Addiction Programs & Professionals  
California Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman  
Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids  
CARECEN-Central American Resource Center  
Casa Major, Inc.  
CAST  
Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuylers counties, NY  
Center for Independence of the Disabled, NY  
Center for Latino Progress - CPRF  
Center for Public Representation  
CenterLink: The Community of LGBT Centers  
Charleston Branch NAACP  
Chester County Food Bank  
Child Care Aware of WA  
Child Care Services Association  
Children's Advocacy Institute  
Children's Defense Fund  
Children's Hospital Association  
Children's Mental Health Network  
Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation  
Citizens Action Coalition of IN  
Clinical Research Forum  
Coalition Against Hunger  
Coalition for Clinical and Translational Science  
Coalition for Health Funding  
Coalition for the Life Sciences  
Coalition of Higher Education Assistance Organizations  
Coalition on Human Needs  
Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning (CASEL)  
Colorado Association of School Executives  
Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service, Inc. (COA)  
Committee for Children  
Committee for Education Funding (CEF)  
Community Action of Ventura County  
Confederation of Oregon School Administrators



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HEALTH FUNDING



Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf  
Conscious Talk Radio  
Conservation Legacy  
Cooley's Anemia Foundation  
COPD Foundation  
Council for Exceptional Children  
Council for Opportunity in Education  
Council of Administrators of Special Education  
Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates  
Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists  
Council of the Great City Schools  
Council on Social Work Education  
Council on Undergraduate Research  
Court Watch Montgomery, Inc.  
Crawford County Adult Education Center  
Cure HHT  
Delaware Ecumenical Council on Children and Families  
Delta Theta Chi Sorority/Sigma  
Democrats for Education Reform  
Department of Health Policy and Management, UCLA Fielding School of Public Health  
Digestive Disease National Coalition  
Disability Rights Nebraska  
Disabled in Action of Greater Syracuse Inc.  
Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children (DEC)  
Doctors for America  
Dominican Sisters ~ Grand Rapids  
Dystonia Advocacy Network  
Dystonia Medical Research Foundation  
East Central College AEL  
Easterseals  
Ecumenical Poverty Initiative  
EDGE Consulting LLC  
Education Reform Now Advocacy  
Ehrens Consulting  
Employment & Employer Services  
Employment & Training Designs, Inc.

Empower Missouri  
Endocrine Society  
Englewood Community Connection Outreach corp  
Epilepsy Foundation  
Faces and Voices of Recovery  
Family & Children Center  
Family Voices  
FavorHouse of Northwest Florida, Inc.  
Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association  
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology  
Federation of Associations in Behavioral & Brain Sciences  
First Five Years Fund  
First World Architects Studio  
Florida State University  
Foundation for Healthy Generations  
Franciscan Sisters of the Poor, US Area  
Friends of AHRQ  
Friends of NBCDDD  
Garden-Raised Bounty (GRuB)  
GBS|CIDP Foundation International  
GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders (GLAD)  
Goodwill Industries International, Inc.  
Great Basin Institute  
Greater Memphis Workforce Development Board  
Greater New York Labor Religion Coalition  
Hawai'i Association for College Admission Counseling  
Health Professions and Nursing Education Coalition  
Healthy Teen Network  
HEAR US, Inc.  
Heartland Alliance  
Hemophilia Alliance  
Hepatitis B Foundation  
Higher Education Consortium for Special Education  
Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU)  
HIV Medicine Association  
Holstein Consulting



Housing Resource Network  
Howard Brown Health  
Hunger Free America  
IDEA Infant Toddler Coordinators Association (ITCA)  
Illinois Action for Children  
Illinois Association for Behavioral Health  
Illinois Association for College Admission Counseling  
Illinois Collaboration on Youth  
Illinois-Iowa Center for Independent Living  
Immigrant Service Providers Group/Health  
Immunize Nevada  
Indiana Association of College Admissions Counseling  
Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents  
Infectious Diseases Society of America  
INSPIRATIONAL GOSPEL ASSEMBLY  
International Foundation for Gastrointestinal Disorders  
Interstitial Cystitis Association  
Iowa ACAC  
Islesboro Affordable Property  
Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, University at Buffalo  
Jefferson Economic Development Institute  
Jeffrey Modell Foundation  
Jericho Road Episcopal Housing Initiative  
Jewish Council for Public Affairs  
JFF  
Justice in Aging  
Kansas School Superintendents Association  
Kansas Workforce ONE  
Kentucky Association for College Admission Counseling  
Knowledge Alliance  
L and C Ministries  
Lafayette Urban Ministry  
Lakeshore Foundation  
Lakeview Pantry  
Learning Disabilities Association of America  
Literacy Council



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Literacy Council of Bowie & Miller Co., Inc.  
Literacy Council of Buncombe County  
Literacy Council of Sheboygan County  
Literacy Council of Tyler  
Literacy Delaware  
Literacy New Jersey  
Literacy Volunteers - HBPL  
Literacy Volunteers of America - Monroe County, Inc.  
Literacy Volunteers of Leon County  
Literacy Volunteers of Upshur County  
Lorain County Health & Dentistry  
Lung Cancer Alliance  
LVA, Essex & Passaic Counties  
Lymphatic Education & Research Network  
Magnet Schools of America  
Maple Valley Food Bank and Emergency Services  
March of Dimes  
Marinette & Oconto Counties Literacy Council  
Mariposa County Library  
Maryland Center on Economic Policy  
Maryland National Organization for Women  
Massachusetts Law Reform Institute  
Meals on Wheels America  
Medical Library Association  
Mental Health America  
METAvivor Research & Support  
Michigan Association for College Admission Counseling  
Michigan Association of Superintendents and Administrators  
Michigan Disability Rights Coalition  
Mid to Low LOT Schools  
Mid-East Career & Technology Centers  
Mile High Youth Corps  
Minnesota Association of College Admissions Counselors MACAC  
Minnesota Association of School Administrators  
Missouri Association for College Admission Counseling  
MomsRising

Montana Association of School Superintendents  
Montana Conservation Corps  
Montana Organizing Project  
Montgomery County Community Action Development Commission  
Mountainland Aging & Family Services  
MYCAP  
NAACP  
NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals  
NASTAD  
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd  
National AHEC Organization  
National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research  
National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity (NAPE)  
National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds  
National Alliance on Mental Illness  
National Alliance to End Sexual Violence  
National Alopecia Areata Foundation  
National Association for Children's Behavioral Health  
National Association for College Admission Counseling  
National Association for Music Education  
National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems (NAPHSIS)  
National Association of Area Agencies on Aging  
National Association of Chronic Disease Directors  
National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities  
National Association of County and City Health Officials  
National Association of Elementary School Principals  
National Association of Federally Impacted Schools  
National Association of Graduate-Professional Students  
National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities  
National Association of Regional Councils  
National Association of School Psychologists  
National Association of Secondary School Principals  
National Association of Social Workers  
National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors  
National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE)  
National Association of State Head Injury Administrators



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National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA)  
National Association of Workforce Boards  
National Association of Workforce Development Professionals  
National Birth Defects Prevention Network  
National Black Women's HIV/AIDS Network  
National Blood Clot Alliance  
National Center for Families Learning  
National Coalition for the Homeless  
National Council for Behavioral Health  
National Council for Community and Education Partnerships  
National Council for Diversity in the Health Professions  
National Council of Jewish Women  
National Council of Jewish Women-St. Louis  
National Council of State Directors of Adult Education  
National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM)  
National Council on Aging  
National Disability Institute  
National Domestic Violence Hotline  
National Education Association  
National Education Association Retirees Organization (NEARO)  
National Employment Law Project  
National Energy & Utility Affordability Coalition  
National Energy and Utility Affordability Coalition  
National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association  
National Health Care for the Homeless Council  
National Hemophilia Foundation  
National Indian Impacted Schools Association  
National Institute for Children's Health Quality (NICHQ)  
National League for Nursing  
National Multiple Sclerosis Society  
National Network for Youth  
National Network of Public Health Institutes  
National Pancreas Foundation  
National PTA  
National Resource Center on Domestic Violence  
National Respite Coalition



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National Rural Education Advocacy Consortium  
National Rural Education Association  
National School Boards Association  
National Skills Coalition  
National Superintendents Roundtable  
National Urban League  
National Women's Health Network  
National Women's Law Center  
National Working Positive Coalition  
National Writing Project  
National Youth Employment Coalition  
NBCC  
NCC-Adult Learning Center  
NCJW Columbus  
NephCure Kidney International  
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice  
New England Association of College Admissions Counselors  
New Jersey Association for College Admissions Counseling  
New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies, Inc.  
New Jersey Association on Correction  
New York State Association of College Admission Counseling  
New York State Council of School Superintendents  
NJACAC  
NMAC  
North American Primary Care Research Group  
Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps  
Northern Nevada Literacy Council  
NY Association for the Education of Young Children  
Oakland Literacy Council  
Ohio Association of College Admission Counseling  
Oklahoma Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers  
Parable of the Shower Intentional Community Cooperative  
Parent Teacher Club of Toyon Middle School, Calaveras County, CA  
Parents as Teachers  
PathWays PA  
PCCEO

PCCEO Head Start  
Peacehome Campaigns  
PeacexPeace Ministry St. John Fisher Chapel  
Pennsylvania Association for College Admission Counseling  
Pennsylvania Council of Churches  
People Incorporated of Virginia  
Peoria Citizens Committee for Economic Opportunity, Inc.  
Physician Assistant Education Association  
Planned Parenthood Federation of America  
Poor Peoples Economic Human Rights Campaign  
Population Association of America  
Potomac and Chesapeake Association for College Admission Counseling  
Power to Decide  
PowerNotes, LLC  
Prevent Blindness  
Prevention Institute  
Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada  
Project Sleep  
ProLiteracy  
Protect All Children's Environment  
Provincial Council Clerics of St. Viator (Viatorians)  
Psychotherapy Action Network (PsiAN)  
Public Advocacy for Kids  
Public Health Institute  
Public School Superintendents' Association of Maryland  
Pulmonary Hypertension Association  
PWN-GREATER Houston  
Rebuild America's Schools  
Refuge Ministries of Tampa Bay International  
Research!America  
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation  
Restore Education  
RESULTS DC  
Results for America  
RESULTS Raleigh  
Ritenour Adult Education and Literacy

RiverStone Health  
Rocky Mountain Association for College Admissions Counseling  
Rural AIDS Action Network  
Safe States Alliance  
San Bernardino Public Library - Lifelong Learning Center  
San Francisco AIDS Foundation  
Sant La Haitian Neighborhood Center  
Santa Monica Public Library Literacy Education for Adults & Families (LEAF)  
Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law  
Scholastic, Inc.  
School Administrators of Iowa  
School of Medicine Virginia Commonwealth University  
School Social Work Association of America  
School Superintendents of Alabama  
School-Based Health Alliance  
Scleroderma Foundation  
Service Employees International Union  
Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS)  
Sisters of Charity Federation  
Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Congregational Leadership  
Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Western Province Leadership  
Sisters of Mercy West Midwest Justice Team  
Sleep Research Society  
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine  
Society for Neuroscience  
Society for Public Health Education  
Society of General Internal Medicine  
Society of State Leaders of Health and Physical Education  
Society of Teachers of Family Medicine  
South King County Food Coalition  
Southeast Conservation Corps  
Southern Association for College Admission Counseling  
Southwest Conservation Corps  
Sowing Resilience Communities.  
Spina Bifida Association  
Stanford University

STEP, Inc.  
Stewards Individual Placement Program  
Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service  
Student Aid Alliance  
Suffolk, VA Literacy Council  
Tacoma Area Literacy Council  
TASH  
Teach For America  
Teach Plus  
Teacher Education Council of State Colleges and Universities (TECSCU)  
Teratology Society  
Texas Association for College Admissions Counseling  
Texas Association of School Administrators  
The Advocacy Institute  
The AIDS Institute  
The American Brain Coalition  
The Arc of the United States  
The Corps Network  
The Literacy Council of Manatee County  
The Literacy Council-Literacy Volunteer  
The Marfan Foundation  
The National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc  
The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America  
Tourette Association of America  
Treatment Action Group (TAG)  
Trident Literacy Association  
Trisomy 18 Foundation  
TrueNorth Community Services  
Trust for America's Health  
Tu Casa Latina  
Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance  
UC San Diego Health Sciences  
UNCF  
Union for Reform Judaism  
United School Administrators of Kansas  
United States Breastfeeding Committee





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United States Christian Chambers of Commerce  
United Way Worldwide  
University of Florida Health  
U.S. Hereditary Angioedema Association  
Vaccinate Your Family  
Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition  
Vermont Youth Conservation Corps  
Voices for Progress  
Wake Forest School of Medicine  
Walworth County Literacy Council  
Washington Association of School Administrators  
Washington State Public Health Association  
We Are Family Senior Outreach Network  
WEST Adult Basic Education  
West Piedmont Workforce Development Board  
West Virginia Statewide Independent Living Council  
West Virginians for Affordable Health Care  
West Virginians Together for Medicaid  
Western Arkansas Planning and Development District, Inc.  
Western Association for College Admission Counseling  
Wisconsin Association for College Admission Counseling  
Witness to Mass Incarceration  
Women Advancing Nutrition Dietetics and Agriculture  
Women's Rights Information Center  
YMCA of the USA  
Young Invincibles  
YWCA Tri-County Area  
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Cc: Chairs and Ranking Members, House and Senate Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations  
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