

ADVOCATING FOR THE PREVENTION AND PUBLIC HEALTH FUND



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Protecting the Fund: What You Can Do

- Make your voice heard
 - Use APHA's and other groups' action alerts to email your members of Congress
 - Call your members of Congress – they will listen!
 - Use APHA sample phone scripts to stay on message
- Set up a meeting with your members of Congress
 - Call your district office and meet with local staff members to talk about how the Prevention Fund is impacting your community

Resources to Protect the Fund

- Email action alerts
- Sample phone scripts
- Fact sheets on the Prevention and Public Health Fund
- State-by-State fact sheets on public health
- APHA legislative vote record and other public health votes

Protect the Prevention and Public Health Fund

Once again, funding for the Prevention and Public Health Fund may be at risk. Let our 435 House of Representatives proposed using the Fund as a vehicle for other programs or its version of legislation to extend the temporary payroll tax. It is critical that our members of Congress hear from you that efforts to cut the Fund are unacceptable.

Send a message to our members of Congress asking them to protect the Prevention and Public Health Fund.

Recipients

- ▶ Your Senators
- ▼ Your Representative

Contact

- ▶ **Request Name**
- ▶ **Title**
- ▶ **First Name**
- ▶ **Last Name**
- ▶ **Your Email**
- ▶ **Address 1**
- ▶ **Address 2**
- ▶ **City**
- ▶ **State / Province**
- ▶ **ZIP / Postal Code**
- ▶ **Phone Number**

Message

Protect the Prevention and Public Health Fund

Dear (Decision Maker),

As a constituent and American Public Health Association advocate, I am writing to urge you to approve any requested efforts to repeal or shield funding from the Prevention and Public Health Fund, including any effort to use the Fund as an effort to Congress failure to work on the payroll tax extension legislation.

Please personalize your message

Fund is currently being used for evidence-based community health promotion and prevention activities to address chronic disease risks that will measurably improve the health of the nation and control costs. Already this year, resources from the Fund are at work in communities across the country, implementing programs such as tobacco cessation, obesity prevention, and strengthening state and local health departments. Nearly 75 percent of our nation's health care spending each year is on treatment of chronic diseases such as obesity, heart disease, and diabetes. Investing in prevention will save lives and money for future generations of Americans.

Recent cuts to public health programs have caused our public health agencies at the federal, state and local level to do more with less and struggle to provide basic health and prevention services. Eliminating or reducing critical funding for public health and prevention programs provided in the Fund is requested and detrimental to the future health of our country.

I strongly urge you to support the important work of the Prevention and Public Health Fund. The health of the American public depends on our support for strong public health and prevention programs.