May 14, 2010

Dear Chairmen Inouye and Obey and Ranking Members Cochran and Lewis:

The undersigned education, training, disability, public health, medical research, women’s, children’s, civil rights, anti-poverty, faith and labor organizations representing the full range of stakeholders in the programs of the Departments of Education, Health and Human Services and Labor urge you to ensure that the final FY 2011 302(b) allocation for the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee reflects at least a $21 billion increase above the FY 2010 enacted level for these critically important programs. This amount would maintain and expand service levels and restore purchasing power by: (1) responding to increased demand for these programs in the wake of the recession; (2) restoring programmatic cuts and more appropriately accounting for inflation and population growth; (3) stemming deep state cuts to many of these functions; (4) paying for a shortfall in the Pell Grant program; and (5) making permanent the capacity generated by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for select programs within these Departments, increasing momentum for economic recovery and prosperity.

The programs and services administered by the Departments of Health and Human Services, Education, and Labor serve a broad range of constituencies and needs. However, they all share a common, fundamental goal of strengthening this nation by investing in and improving the quality of life of its people, especially the most vulnerable. Unfortunately, the resources needed to support all individuals and families have been cut, eroded by inflation, or stretched thin by swelling numbers of those in need. While Congress has worked to restore some of these cuts, many programs still remain far below their FY 2005 level, and others lost all funding. Many of these programs also face deep cuts due to the continuing large state budget gaps.

The President’s FY 2011 budget request is a positive step forward which invests in and restores some important programs in the Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations bill. Nevertheless, we hope Congress will seize the opportunity to further strengthen America’s global scientific, education and economic leadership, national security, and citizens’ health and well-being by increasing these investments and making capacity created by ARRA permanent.

The 389 organizations listed below represent a wide array of domestic priorities, but we are united in our effort to increase discretionary funding for health, education, labor enforcement, job training, children’s and social services programs by at least $21 billion—a funding increase that is consistent with our previous requests and essential to sustaining the prosperity and standards of living of our nation.

To respond to this letter, please contact Emily Holubowich, Executive Director, Coalition for Health Funding (eholubowich@dc-crd.com or 202.484.1100) or Joel Packer, Executive Director, Committee for Education Funding (jpacker@cef.org or 202.383-0083).

Cc: Members Senate and House Appropriations Committees

Respectfully,
1. A.T. Still University of Health Sciences-Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine
2. Academy of General Dentistry
3. Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research
4. Administrators of Internal Medicine
5. Afterschool Alliance
6. AIDS Action
7. AIDS Action Baltimore
8. AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth and Families
9. AIDS Project Los Angeles
10. AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition
11. Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine
12. Alliance for Aging Research
13. Alliance for Excellent Education
14. Alpha-1 Association
15. Alpha-1 Foundation
16. Alzheimer's Association
17. American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology
18. American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
19. American Academy of Family Physicians
20. American Academy of HIV Medicine
21. American Academy of Neurology
22. American Academy of Pediatrics
23. American Academy of Physical Medicine
25. American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance
26. American Association for Cancer Research
27. American Association for Dental Research
28. American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry
29. American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy
30. American Association for Respiratory Care
31. American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases
32. American Association of Anatomists
33. American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
34. American Association of Colleges of Nursing
35. American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine
36. American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
37. American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine
38. American Association of Community Colleges
39. American Association of Immunologists
40. American Association of Public Health Dentistry
41. American Association of School Administrators
42. American Association of State Colleges and Universities
43. American Association of University Women (AAUW)
44. American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
45. American College of Cardiology
46. American College of Clinical Pharmacy
47. American College of Physicians
48. American College of Preventive Medicine
49. American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
50. American Council for School Social Work
51. American Council on Education
52. American Counseling Association
53. American Dance Therapy Association
54. American Dental Association
55. American Dental Education Association
56. American Epilepsy Society
57. American Federation for Medical Research
58. American Federation of School Administrators
59. American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees
60. American Foundation for Suicide Prevention/SPAN USA
61. American Gastroenterological Association
62. American Heart Association
63. American Humane Association
64. American Institute for Medical and Biomedical Engineering
65. American Lung Association
66. American Medical Student Association
67. American Medical Women's Association
68. American Music Therapy Association
69. American Nurses Association
70. American Occupational Therapy Association
71. American Optometric Association
72. American Organization of Nurse Executives
73. American Osteopathic Association
74. American Partnership for Eosinophilic Disorders
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80. American Public Health Association
81. American Radiologic & Imaging Nursing
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84. American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
85. American Society for Bone and Mineral Research
86. American Society for Cell Biology
87. American Society for Clinical Investigation
88. American Society for Clinical Pathology
89. American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy
90. American Society for Microbiology
91. American Society for Nutrition
92. American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition
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153. Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)
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155. Clerkship Directors in Internal Medicine
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160. Coalition for the Advancement of Health Through Behavioral and Social Sciences Research
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