



May 22, 2026

Dear Chair Cole, Chair Collins, Vice Chair Murray, and Ranking Member DeLauro:

The 532 undersigned organizations – representing the full range of stakeholders supporting the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services (HHS), and Education and Related Agencies appropriations bill – urge you to continue your leadership in supporting families, communities, and local economies with a robust fiscal year (FY) 2027 allocation for the Labor-HHS-Education Subcommittee that ensures these programs can meet vital needs. We urge Congress to counter the many unilateral cuts and changes to these federal programs the Administration made in the last year that have already undermined Congress's clear intention to invest in these vital services, and that do not reflect the public's support for these programs. While we were generally pleased to see Congress, on a bipartisan basis, reject many of the Administration's proposed cuts in FY 2026, we urge you to again reject the Administration's FY 2027 request to slash these vital investments and instead to provide the Labor-HHS-Education Subcommittees with an FY 2027 allocation that at least reverses past spending cuts in order to provide for the necessary services and programs this subcommittee oversees.

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, labor force participation, and economic productivity. However, these programs historically have been shortchanged in the appropriations process, especially after spending caps were first enacted in 2011 and then again under the caps for 2024 and 2025. In the last year, the Administration has withheld and cancelled funding for many of this Subcommittee's programs and has fired many of the federal employees who oversee these programs, ensure that federal funding is provided as the law intended, and safeguard citizens' access to programs and services – even though Congress has essentially maintained funding for many of these programs at the same level for three years. While we recognize and are thankful for provisions in the FY 2026 bill that aim to prevent these types of actions moving forward within some departments and agencies, we urge Congress to expand upon them to include in the FY 2027 bill provisions that insist that the Administration follow authorizing and appropriations law across all federal agencies, release the funding Congress enacted, provide the services required by statutes to all eligible entities, and maintain properly trained federal staff who are able to administer these services in an effective and timely manner.

The need for these key investments along with language that ensures that Congressionally-approved appropriations reach local communities is clear after they have been underfunded by billions of dollars in recent years as funding for essential services provided by the Labor-HHS-Education bill has not kept pace with population growth or inflation. The effects of chronic underfunding have impacted programs that support education, public health, health research, workforce development, and social services, and the President's FY27 proposals would make things worse for many programs. The effects include:

- Eroding the public health and research infrastructure and workforce, limiting our ability to address disease prevention, respond to future health crises, and monitor ongoing health trends for new and emerging threats.
- Hindering efforts to address opportunity gaps and accelerate learning, to raise student achievement, to address shortages in the education workforce, and to increase high school

graduation rates, college affordability, and college completion. The American public [opposes eliminating the Department of Education](#) and [supports more education funding](#), not less.

- Providing childcare to only one in nine eligible children under age 6, with childcare providers paid so little that one in four early childhood educators takes a second job to make ends meet.
- Leaving far too many low-income children without access to high quality preschool and other early learning opportunities.
- Compounding on recent withholding of funding for lifesaving medical research, further distancing America from its longstanding global leadership in finding cures.
- Risking our ability to prepare for, monitor, and respond to public health threats that transcend international borders.
- Cutting efforts to adequately respond to ongoing opioid and fentanyl epidemics and infectious disease outbreaks, such as measles and tuberculosis.
- Reducing funding for mental health services, including services for children and for the homeless, and reducing funding for substance use disorder treatment, threatening continued progress in reducing overdose deaths.
- Putting many people with disabilities and older Americans at risk of losing their freedom, independence, and dignity without adequate funding for programs administered by the Administration for Community Living, such as Independent Living, Developmental Disabilities Assistance Act, and Older Americans Act programs. The result would be a return to more institutionalization, higher costs, and widespread harm to individuals and families.
- Neglecting 17.7 million Americans who are unemployed, underemployed, or want a job but are out of the labor force. This is more than two times the 6.9 million job openings employers currently report. In a slowing economy, federal workforce investments are what connect sidelined workers to the industries that are still hiring.
- Limiting the ability of jobseekers—many with the greatest barriers to employment — from accessing the critical workforce and job training services that Congress overwhelmingly authorized in 2014. The U.S. invests less than every other industrialized country in active labor market policy, except for Mexico and Chile, and would need to invest \$80 billion annually just to reach the median of our international peers.
- Ignoring the needs of individuals who find themselves without a high school credential and who need a pathway back to education, employment, and full participation in their communities.
- Inadequate funding for heating and cooling assistance, despite increased costs for families. The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), the federal program providing help with residential energy costs, only has enough funding to serve 1 in 6 eligible households, with the Administration proposing to cut off assistance for 6 million households by zeroing out LIHEAP funding despite record high energy costs.
- While Congress started to reverse Maternal and Child Health Block Grant funding losses, funding remained flat at about 10 percent below the levels in FY 2010 when taking inflation into account.
- Failing to keep pace with growing child welfare needs, especially as communities grapple with the destructive impact of substance use disorders on families. Child Welfare Services funding, for example, has been flat-funded for years, leaving it well over 35 percent below the FY 2010 level, adjusted for inflation.

We urge you to commit to improving the lives of Americans with an allocation for the Labor-HHS-Education bill for FY 2027 that allows the bill to provide vital services for the American public. If you have questions about this letter, please contact:

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- Eric Gascho, Coalition for Health Funding ([egascho@dc-crd.com](mailto:egascho@dc-crd.com)); or
- Gail Silberglied, Campaign to Invest in America's Workforce ([SilbergliedG@nawb.org](mailto:SilbergliedG@nawb.org)).

The list below reflects organizations that have signed on as of 2 PM ET, May 22, 2026.

**National organizations:**

AACTE (American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education)

AASA, The School Superintendents Association

Academy of Physicians in Clinical Research

AcademyHealth

ADAP Advocacy Association

Adult Numeracy Network

Advance CTE

African American Health Alliance

AFT: Education, Healthcare, Public Services

After-School All-Stars

Afterschool Alliance

AiArthritis

Alianza Americas

All4Ed

Alliance for Vision Research

Alliance to Reclaim Our Schools

American Academy of HIV Medicine

American Academy of Nursing

American Academy of Pediatrics

American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research

American Association of Colleges of Nursing

American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine

American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy

American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU)

American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges

American Bird Conservancy

American Brain Coalition

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

American College of Physicians

American Council on Education

American Educational Research Association

American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)  
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention  
American Friends Service Committee  
American Heart Association  
American Kidney Fund  
American Library Association  
American Lung Association  
American Music Therapy Association  
American Psychological Association Services  
American Public Health Association  
American School Counselor Association  
American Society of Hematology  
American Society of Nephrology  
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association  
American Thoracic Society  
ARPA-H GO  
Arthritis Foundation  
Association for Career and Technical Education  
Association for Multicultural Science Education  
Association for Prevention Teaching and Research  
Association of American Cancer Institutes  
Association of Assistive Technology Act Programs  
Association of Community College Trustees  
Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs (AFOP)  
Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents  
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs  
Association of Population Centers  
Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO)  
Association of School Psychologists of Pennsylvania  
Association of State and Territorial Health Officials  
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America  
The Advocacy Institute  
The Arc of the US  
The Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO)  
Autistic People of Color Fund  
Autistic Self Advocacy Network  
Autistic Women & Nonbinary Network  
Autoimmune Association  
AVAC  
Big Cities Health Coalition  
Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids

Can Code Communities  
The CDL Schools  
CenterLink  
The Center for Learner Equity  
Chiefs for Change  
Child Welfare League of America  
Children's Defense Fund  
Clearinghouse on Women's Issues  
Climate Justice Alliance  
Coalition for Health Funding  
The Coalition for Hemophilia B  
Coalition for National Trauma Research  
Coalition on Adult Basic Education (COABE)  
Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL)  
Committee for Children  
Committee for Education Funding (CEF)  
Community Access National Network  
Compassion & Choices  
Computer Science Teachers Association  
Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, U.S. Region  
Consortium for School Networking (CoSN)  
Council for Exceptional Children  
Council for Opportunity in Education  
Council of Administrators of Special Education  
Council of the Great City Schools  
CWI Works  
Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund  
Dravet Syndrome Foundation  
Drug Policy Alliance  
E Pluribus Unum Fund  
Economic Policy Institute  
EDGE Partners  
EdTrust  
Endocrine Society  
Endometriosis Association  
Epilepsy Foundation of America  
Equal Rights Advocates  
Family Values @ Work  
Fight Colorectal Cancer  
First Focus Campaign for Children  
Foster Care Training Today

The Forum for Youth Investment  
Friends of the Institute of Education Sciences  
Gerontological Society of America  
Green & Healthy Homes Initiative  
Healthcare Anchor Network  
Healthcare Management and Systems Society (HIMSS)  
HealthHIV  
Healthy Teen Network  
Hemophilia Alliance  
Hemophilia Federation of America  
Higher Education Consortium of Special Education (HECSE)  
Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities  
HIV Medicine Association  
HIV+Hepatitis Policy Institute  
The Hope Center for Student Basic Needs  
Human Appeal  
Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Association  
IC&RC  
Infectious Diseases Society of America  
Institute for Higher Education Policy (IHEP)  
Institute for Policy Studies' Poverty Project  
International Association for College Admission Counseling  
James' Place Inc.  
Just Solutions  
Justice + Joy National Collaborative  
JustLeadershipUSA  
Kinnect  
KIPP Foundation  
Knowledge Alliance  
Lakeshore Foundation  
Lasker Foundation  
Lawyers for Good Government  
LEAD Coalition (Leaders Engaged on Alzheimer's Disease)  
Lupus and Allied Diseases Association, Inc.  
Lupus Foundation of America  
Magnet Schools of America  
Mental Health Transformation Alliance  
Midwest Urban Strategies  
Mountain Plains Adult Education Association  
NAACP  
NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals

NAESM, Inc.  
NARST: A Global Organization for Improving Science Education Through Research  
NASTAD  
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd  
National AHEC Organization  
National Alliance to End Homelessness  
National Alliance to End Sexual Violence  
National Association for College Admission Counseling  
National Association for Family, School and Community Engagement (NAFSCE)  
National Association for Gifted Children  
National Association for Music Education  
National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities  
National Association of Counsel for Children  
National Association of Development Organizations  
National Association of Elementary School Principals  
National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS)  
National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities  
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners  
National Association of RSVP Directors  
National Association of School Psychologists  
National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP)  
National Association of Social Workers  
National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators  
National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB)  
National Board for Professional Teaching Standards  
National Center for Learning Disabilities  
National Center for Teacher Residencies  
National Center on Adoption and Permanency  
National Coalition for Literacy  
National Coalition for the Homeless  
National Coalition of STD Directors  
National Council for Community and Education Partnerships  
National Council for Mental Wellbeing  
National Council of Jewish Women  
National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM)  
National Council on Aging  
National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence  
National Dance Education Organization  
National Disability Institute  
National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)  
National Education Association

National Energy Assistance Directors Association  
National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association  
National Health Care for the Homeless Council  
National Health Council  
National High School Equivalency Program (HEP)/College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) Association  
National HIV/AIDS Housing Coalition  
National Kidney Foundation  
National Korean American Service and Education Consortium  
National Multiple Sclerosis Society  
National Network for Youth  
National Network of Public Health Institutes  
National Nurse-Led Care Consortium  
National Organization for Women  
National Organization of State Associations for Children  
National Patient Advocate Foundation  
National Psoriasis Foundation  
National PTA  
National Resource Center on Domestic Violence  
National Rural Education Association  
National School Boards Association  
National Science Teaching Association (NSTA)  
National Skills Coalition  
National Summer Learning Association (NSLA)  
National Urban League  
National Women's Law Center Action Fund  
National Youth Employment Coalition (NN4Y)  
Natural Science Collections Alliance  
NBJC  
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice  
Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies  
New America Higher Education Policy Program  
Organization for Latino Health Advocacy  
Parkinson's Foundation  
People Power United  
People's Action Institute  
Planned Parenthood Federation of America  
PrEP4All  
Prevent Blindness  
Prevention Institute  
ProLiteracy Worldwide  
Public Advocacy for Kids (PAK)

Public Health Institute  
Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation  
Reproductive Freedom for All  
Results for America  
Rocky Mountain Workforce Development Association (RMWDA)  
Safe States Alliance  
Save HIV Funding Campaign  
SchoolHouse Connection  
Service Employees International Union  
The Sikh Coalition  
Sisters of St. Francis Leadership Team, Dubuque, IA  
Society for Biomaterials  
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine  
Society for Neuroscience  
Society for Public Health Education  
Society of Behavioral Medicine  
SPAN Parent Advocacy Network  
Student Association for STEM Advocacy  
TASH  
Teach For America  
Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children  
Tourette Association of America  
Treatment Communities of America  
Triage Cancer  
Trust for America's Health  
UnidosUS  
Union for Reform Judaism  
United Church of Christ  
United for Cures  
Village to Village Network  
Voice for Adoption  
Voices of Health Care Action  
Vote Mama Lobby  
YMCA of the USA  
Young Invincibles  
Youth First Justice Collaborative  
Youth Law Center  
ZERO Prostate Cancer  
ZERO TO THREE

**State and local organizations:**

AAPI Equity Alliance  
Access Technologies, Inc.  
Adirondack Executive Services  
Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc.  
Advocates for Children of New York  
AIDS Foundation Chicago  
Alabama Association of School Psychologists  
Aliento Education Fund  
The Arc of Aurora  
Arizona Association of Lifelong Learning  
Arizona Association of School Psychologists  
Arizona Bleeding Disorders  
Arizona Early Childhood Alliance  
Ashland County Aging Unit Inc.  
Association for Community Living in Boulder & Broomfield Counties  
Avalanche Care, Inc.  
BCW/Workforce Development Board, Inc.  
Black Children's Institute of Tennessee  
Bleeding Disorders Association of South Carolina  
Bleeding Disorders Foundation of North Carolina  
Blue Ridge Independent Living Center  
California Association of Science Educators (CASE)  
California Child Care Resource & Referral Network  
California Small School Districts Association  
California Workforce Association  
Capital Region Workforce Development Board  
Cares of Southwest Michigan  
Cattaraugus-Allegany Workforce Development Board, Inc.  
Cayuga Cortland Workforce Development Board  
Center for Independence of the Disabled, New York  
Cerebral Palsy Associations of NYS  
Charlotte Trans Health  
Child Care Law Center  
Child Care Resource Center California  
Children's League of Massachusetts  
Chinese for Affirmative Action  
CHURCH OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER  
Citizens' Committee for Children of New York  
Clackamas Workforce Partnership  
Coalition of CA Welfare Rights Organizations  
Coalition of Texans with Disabilities

College and Career Readiness Center – College of Eastern Idaho  
Colorado Association of Science Teachers  
Columbia-Greene Workforce Development Board  
Cortland Works Career Center  
County of Sonoma Dept. of Health Services  
Delaware Association of School Psychologists  
Denver Economic Development & Opportunity  
Denver Public Schools  
Disability Law Center  
Disability Law Center of Utah  
Disability Law Center, Inc.  
Disability Rights Arizona  
Disability Rights Arkansas  
Disability Rights California  
Disability Rights Center – NH  
Disability Rights Center of Kansas  
Disability Rights Florida  
Disability Rights Iowa  
Disability Rights Louisiana  
Disability Rights Michigan  
Disability Rights Mississippi  
Disability Rights Montana  
Disability Rights Nebraska  
Disability Rights New Jersey  
Disability Rights New Mexico  
Disability Rights North Carolina  
Disability Rights Oregon  
Disability Rights Pennsylvania  
Disability Rights Rhode Island  
Disability Rights South Carolina  
Disability Rights South Dakota  
Disability Rights Washington  
Disability Rights Wisconsin  
Dominican Sister of Peace-Ministry of Presence  
East Boston Social Centers  
East Cascades Works  
Eastern Washington Partnership  
Family Focus  
Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences  
FeedMore Western New York, Inc.  
Finger Lakes Performing Provider System

Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board  
Florida Association of School Psychologists  
Florida Chapter National Organization for Women  
FMS Workforce Development Board, Inc.  
Fresh Youth Initiatives  
Friends of Ruth B. Swann Park  
Frontier Centre For Community Empowerment FROCECE  
Garden State Employment & Training  
Gathering of Southeast WI  
Georgia Alliance to End Homelessness, Inc.  
Georgia Association of School Psychologists  
Glide Foundation  
GLOW - Workforce Development Board  
Grace Institute of New York  
Grace Outreach  
Grassroots DC  
Great Plains Association for College Admission Counseling  
Greater Orlando National Organization for Women  
GreenTree Co-op Market  
Grow Food Northampton  
Hawaii Appleseed  
Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!  
Hawaii Disability Rights Center  
Hemophilia Foundation of Southern California  
Hoosier Association of Science Teachers, Inc.  
Housing Works, Inc.  
Human Service Chamber of Franklin County  
Hunger Free Kansas  
Illinois Alliance of Administrators of Special Education  
Illinois Association for College Admission Counseling  
Illinois Science Teaching Association  
Illinois Workforce Association  
Independence Alliance  
Indiana Association of College Admissions Counseling  
Indiana Disability Rights  
Indy Hunger Network  
The Indiana Workforce Alliance  
Institute on Disabilities at Temple University  
Iowa School Psychologists Association  
Jefferson-Lewis WDB  
Jewish Family Service of Colorado

Kansas Enrichment Network  
KCC/CUNY  
Kentucky Association for Psychology in Schools  
Kentucky Protection and Advocacy  
Kindred Bakery BK  
Kingsborough Community College  
LaGuardia Community College  
Lakeside Community Committee  
Lewis University  
Long Beach Gray Panthers  
Los Angeles Unified School District  
Louisiana School Psychological Association  
Louisiana Workforce Association  
Maine Adult Education Association  
Maryland Workforce Association  
Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.  
Mental Health Association Oklahoma  
Metro New York Health Care for All  
Michigan Association of School Psychologists  
Michigan Science Teachers Association  
Michigan Works! Association  
Mid Iowa Planning Alliance - Central Iowa Workforce Development Board  
Mississippi Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities  
Mississippi Low Income Child Care Initiative  
The Montana Association of School Psychologists  
MRB Connects  
Naper Pride, Inc.  
National Council of Jewish Women Los Angeles  
National Council of Jewish Women-PA  
NDALL: North Dakota Association for Lifelong Learning  
Neighborhood House  
Nevada Disability Advocacy & Law Center  
New Jersey Association for College Admissions Counseling  
New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies, Inc. (NJAMHAA)  
New Jersey Association of School Psychologists  
New Mexico Adult Education Association  
New York Association of School Psychologists (NYASP)  
Niagara County Employment & Training  
NM Comunidades en Accion y de Fe  
North Carolina Association of Workforce Development Boards (NCAWDB)  
North Country Workforce Development Board

North Dakota Protection & Advocacy Project  
Northwest Oregon Works  
Northwest Wisconsin Workforce Investment Board, Inc.  
Northwest Workforce Council  
Oasis Legal Services  
Ocean Bay Community Development Corp  
Oconee Food Council  
Ohio School Psychologists Association  
The Ohio Olmstead Task Force  
Ohio Workforce Association  
Oklahoma ABLE Tech  
Oklahoma School Psychological Association  
Orange County United Way  
Oregon School Psychologists Association (OSPA)  
Oregon Workforce Partnership  
Osborne Association  
Our Children Oregon  
PA Association for Adult Continuing Education  
Pacific Northwest Association for College Admission Counseling (PNACAC)  
Pennsylvania Association for College Admission Counseling (PACAC)  
Pennsylvania Workforce Development Association  
Philly Neighborhood Networks  
Praxis Health Empowerment  
PRE4CLE  
Pro-Choice North Carolina  
Promise Arizona  
Putnam Progressives  
Rhode Island Coalition for Children and Families  
Rhode Island School Psychologists Association  
RochesterWorks  
Rogue Workforce Partnership  
Rural Schools Association of New York State  
San Diego for Every Child  
San Francisco AIDS Foundation  
Saratoga, Warren, Washington Workforce Development Board  
Science Council of NYC  
Serving At-risk Families Everywhere, Inc.  
SEWA-AIFW  
Silver State Equality  
Sisters of Charity, BVM  
Sisters of St. Joseph Healthcare Foundation

Sisters of the Presentation, Dubuque, IA  
SkillSource  
SLC Workforce Development Board  
Small School Districts' Association  
South Carolina Association of School Psychologists  
South Carolina Program for Infant/Toddler Care  
South Central Workforce Development Council  
Southeastern WI Workforce Development Board  
Southern Workforce Board  
Southwest WI Workforce Development Board, Inc.  
Spanish American Center  
Spokane Workforce Council  
Spring Lake Store  
St Nick's Alliance  
St. Matthew Trinity Lunchtime Ministry  
Sueño Monarca  
Sunnyside Community Services  
SUNY Schenectady  
Tempo Group Counseling Services  
Tennessee Hemophilia & Bleeding Disorder Foundation  
Texas Association of School Psychologists  
TransCanWork  
Trying Together  
Turning Point, Inc.  
United Neighborhood Houses  
University of Minnesota - Twin Cities  
Urban League of Greater Philadelphia  
Utah Association of School Psychologists  
Utah Science Teaching Association  
Utahns Against Hunger  
Vivent Health  
Voices of Hope, Inc.  
Washington Assistive Technology Act Program (WATAP)  
Washington Defender Association  
Washington State Association of School Psychologists  
Washington Workforce Association  
Westchester-Putnam Workforce Development Board  
Willamette Workforce Partnership  
Wisconsin Bleeding Disorders Network  
Wisconsin Workforce Development Association  
Women Who Never Give Up

Women's Initiative for Self Empowerment  
Workforce Colorado - Jefferson, Clear Creek, Gilpin  
Workforce Council of Southwest Ohio  
Workforce Development Board of HMO, Inc.  
Workforce Snohomish  
Workforce Southwest Washington  
Worksystems  
Wyoming County Community Action  
Wyoming School Psychology Association  
Yonkers Workforce Development Board