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Washington, D.C. – Coalition for Health Funding Executive Director Angela Ostrom issued the following statement in response to the President Donald Trump’s budget request for fiscal year 2021:

President Trump’s budget proposal contains concerning cuts to our public health infrastructure, at a time when the needs for investments in public health are at the forefront of news and American’s thoughts.

America’s public health agencies and biomedical research enterprises are woefully underfunded. It is time for the administration to start at a point that recognizes and plans for these needs rather than starting with a budget that hampers public health agencies, research, and outcomes.

The fiscal 2021 budget request if enacted would harm core public health programs that benefit all Americans—disease surveillance, health research, emergency preparedness, chronic disease prevention, and ground breaking medical research. It hinders the ability of those working on the frontlines of public health to protect and serve their fellow Americans—primary care providers, public health professionals, scientists, and caregivers. Moreover, it hits our nation’s vulnerable particularly hard, slashing or eliminating programs designed to help the poor, women, infants and children, seniors, and people with disabilities.

The Coalition for Health Funding strongly opposes the FY21 budget proposal and we call upon Congress to once again flatly reject it. Lawmakers must come together to protect and improve public health by preventing devastating cuts. Increasing discretionary funding for the public health continuum from bench side to bed side to curb side is critical in our endeavor to improve the health of the entire population.

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The Coalition for Health Funding is a nonprofit alliance working to preserve public health investments in the interest of all Americans. Our 95 member organizations together represent more than 100 million patients and consumers, health providers, professionals, and researchers.

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