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Washington, D.C. – The following is a statement from Angela Ostrom, Executive Director of the Coalition for Health Funding, on the public health investments still needing attention by Congress to support the COVID-19 pandemic response:

Today the Coalition for Health funding sent a letter to Congressional leaders that outlines the funding needs of the public health community. Congress has delivered unprecedented support through emergency supplemental appropriations to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Coalition for Health Funding recognizes the vitally important commitment to public health exemplified in the CARES Act and the enormous resources allocated to the national recovery packages passed with overwhelmingly bipartisan support over the last month.

As Congress works to develop the fourth phase of an emergency response, the Coalition calls on leaders to consider the as yet unmet funding needs identified by our members. We also strongly advocate that all funds appropriated as part of the recovery are not to be offset by later fiscal year cuts that would endanger our continued and future pandemic response.

COVID-19 presents catastrophic challenges and shines a light on deficient funding and investments in public health. We stand ready to support Congress in discussing these needs, providing experts or data, connecting them to our member leadership, and answering any question as they continue their efforts to address this public health crisis.

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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 91 member organizations together represent more than 100 million patients and consumers, health providers, professionals, and researchers.

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