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Washington, D.C. – Coalition for Health Funding Executive Director Angela Ostrom issued the following statement following the release of the stakeholder letter to Congress regarding the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Related Agencies FY 2021 302(b) allocation:

Today the Coalition for Health Funding, along with the Campaign to Invest in America's Workforce, the Committee for Education Funding, and the Coalition on Human Needs sent a letter signed by 371 organizations to Congress calling for an increase to the FY 2021 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Related Agencies (Labor HHS) 302(b) allocation.

Despite the Labor HHS bill being the largest non-defense discretionary spending bill, it has remained flat or received a small share of the increases. In FY 2020 the bill saw just a 2.8 percent increase, despite an overall NDD increase of 4.1 percent. This chronic underfunding has impacted programs that support education, public health, health research, job training, and social services.

The consequences of these funding decisions has been made even more apparent by our nation's inability to swiftly and adequately respond to the current public health crisis. Consistent and robust investments in the Labor HHS programs through annual appropriations will be critical to address the long-term impacts of COVID-19 and prepare for future pandemics.

The letter, along with the list of signatories can be found [here](#).

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