

COALITION *for* HEALTH FUNDING

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Washington, D.C. – The Coalition for Health Funding issued the following statement in response to the Trump Administration brief filed on Thursday asking the Supreme Court to strike down the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA).

The Coalition for Health Funding strongly opposes the Trump Administration's latest Supreme Court filing continuing its efforts to overturn the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) in its entirety. Should the Administration prevail, the Prevention and Public Health Fund (Prevention Fund) would be eliminated and approximately 23 million Americans would be uninsured. This action is incredibly short sighted as states, public health entities, and providers work tirelessly to address the COVID-19 pandemic and would cripple current and future efforts to prevent the spread of infectious diseases such as COVID-19. Protecting the public's health and access to health care during this unprecedented time should be the Trump Administration's primary objective.

The Prevention Fund was established by the ACA to provide expanded and sustained national investments in prevention and public health, to improve health outcomes, and to enhance health care quality. Since its inception in 2010, the Prevention Fund has accounted for roughly 10% to 13% of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) total annual program funding. The Fund accounts for almost \$900 million in prevention grants from CDC to states, counties and cities, non-profit health-oriented groups, and tribal groups throughout the United States.

CDC's mission is to support the health security of our nation. As CDC and other agencies that span the public health continuum face year-after-year chronic underfunding, the elimination of the Prevention Fund would significantly impact public health and safety during the worst pandemic of our generation.

Americans rely on consistent funding and policies that will keep them safe during the upcoming months as we continue to fight COVID-19. The Administration's efforts to overturn the ACA and thus eliminate the Prevention Fund will gravely impact public health. Now is not the time for myopic, destructive policies. Americans deserve support during this global pandemic.

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The Coalition for Health Funding, celebrating 50 years as a leading nonprofit alliance, works to preserve public health investments in the interest of all Americans. Our 92 member organizations together represent more than 100 million patients and consumers, health providers, professionals, and researchers