COALITION for HEALTH FUNDING

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Washington, D.C.—The Coalition for Health Funding issues the following statement regarding the impact of recent negotiations in the House on funding for public health and biomedical research during the FY 2024 appropriations process.

The Coalition for Health Funding, an alliance of 86 nonprofit organizations working to promote strong investments in the public health continuum, expresses its grave concerns about reported provisions in the negotiated House rules package that could dramatically limit federal investments in biomedical research and public health. The past three years have demonstrated the need for a robust public health infrastructure that is fully funded with sustainable annual resources and not reliant on supplemental or emergency funding. The progress made in FY 2023 to increase funding across public health agencies was an important step towards a robust public health system that will adequately support the health needs of all Americans.

The Coalition calls on the House of Representatives to provide full transparency to the American public on the details of any agreement that could impact Fiscal Year 2024 discretionary spending, especially funding for our nation's essential public health programs which impact the well-being of the entire country.

Funding cuts to health programs put the health and well-being of Americans at risk. The Coalition looks forward to working with the House and Senate on a bipartisan FY 2024 Labor-HHS appropriations agreement that ensures both responsible and robust funding for the essential health programs across the Department of Health and Human Services in FY 2024. Health promotion, disease prevention, and research for new treatments and cures are urgently needed and wanted by the American public.

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The Coalition for Health Funding includes <u>86 organizations</u>. It is the oldest and largest nonprofit alliance dedicated to sustained public health funding to strengthen overall public health infrastructure.