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Massive sign on letter rejects cuts to non-defense discretionary funding in FY 2024 deal

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Washington, D.C.— The Coalition for Health Funding issues the following statement announcing an 1,098-organization sign-on letter urging Congress to reject any full-year continuing resolution that would result in cuts to non-defense discretionary programs and adopt the bipartisan Senate funding framework for the Fiscal Year 2024 spending agreement.

The Coalition for Health Funding, an alliance of 85 nonprofit organizations working to promote strong investments in the public health continuum, along with other concerned stakeholders across the funding spectrum, <u>sent a letter</u> to Congressional leadership signed by 1,098 local, state, and national organizations calling on Congress to reject a full year CR that would result in cuts to non-defense discretionary programs and adopt the bipartisan Senate funding framework as a starting point for FY24.

Americans deserve a strong and resilient public health infrastructure that is adequately funded to protect and promote their health. Slashing federal programs for public health, biomedical research, and other health expenditures by over nine percent via a continuing resolution that would trigger caps or sequestration will significantly harm these programs, inhibiting access to critical public health programs and delaying or eliminating funding for much needed new treatments and cures.

The Coalition for Health Funding, along with its nearly 1,100 partners, urge policymakers to work together using the bipartisan Senate Appropriations Committee funding levels that ensure foundational programs keep up with both rising costs and the need for investment in programs important to fostering economic growth and meeting human needs.

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The Coalition for Health Funding includes <u>85 organizations</u>. It is the oldest and largest nonprofit alliance dedicated to sustained public health funding to strengthen overall public health infrastructure.