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Washington, D.C.—The Coalition for Health funding issues the following statement in response to the Senate's passage of another continuing resolution to fund the government until March 11:

The Coalition for Health Funding is pleased that Congress avoided a government shutdown by passing a continuing resolution to keep the government open through March 11. We are also encouraged that negotiations on full year funding for FY 2022 are progressing. While a CR is preferable to a government shutdown, normalizing them creates dysfunction and disruption across the entire public health continuum.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to expose the serious consequences of chronic underfunding of our public health infrastructure, the Coalition calls on Congress to provide increased, sustained, and predictable funding health programs through regular appropriations.

Federal health agencies play a key role in addressing our nation's public health needs and work in partnership with state and local governments to protect and promote health in our communities. While each agency within the Department of Health and Human Services has a unique mission to respond to our nation's health demands, they are all interconnected and must be well-funded with sustainable increases.

The Coalition sent [this letter on January 25](#) urging appropriations leadership to pass full year funding with increases across the Department of Health and Human Services.

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