

# 2026 ASPPH Capitol Hill Day

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ASPPH  
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# Meet Beeta, Tim, and Maura



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# Political Landscape – House

- House Republican (Majority) Leadership
  - Speaker – Mike Johnson (R-LA-04)
  - Majority Leader – Steve Scalise (R-LA-01)
  - Majority Whip – Tom Emmer (R-MN-06)
  - Conference Chair – Lisa McClain (R-MI-09)
  
- House Democratic (Minority) Leadership
  - Minority Leader – Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY-08)
  - Minority Whip – Katherine Clark (D-MA-05)
  - Caucus Chair – Pete Aguilar (D-CA-31)



# Political Landscape – Senate

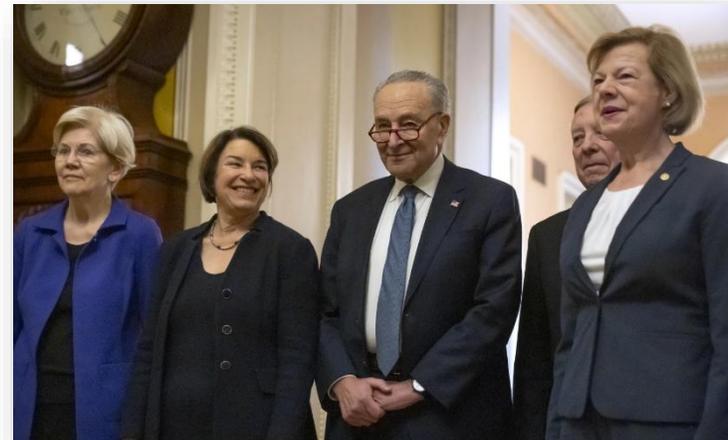
- Senate Republican (Majority) Leadership

- Majority Leader – John Thune (R-SD)
- Majority Whip – John Barrasso (R-WY)
- Conference Chair – Tom Cotton (R-AR)



- Senate Democratic (Minority) Leadership

- Minority Leader – Chuck Schumer (D-NY)
- Minority Whip – Dick Durbin (D-IL)
- DSPC Chair – Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)



# Authorization ≠ Appropriation

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- Authorization bills establish and set rules for programs, while appropriations bills provide the funding to execute the programs
- Authorization levels are not binding; Congress may, and usually does, appropriate funds above or below the authorized levels
- Even if a program is authorized, it must still receive an appropriation
- Budget Reconciliation - H.R. 1 (One Big Beautiful Bill Act) is not an appropriations bill

# Appropriations Bills and Committee Reports

## Appropriations Bills:

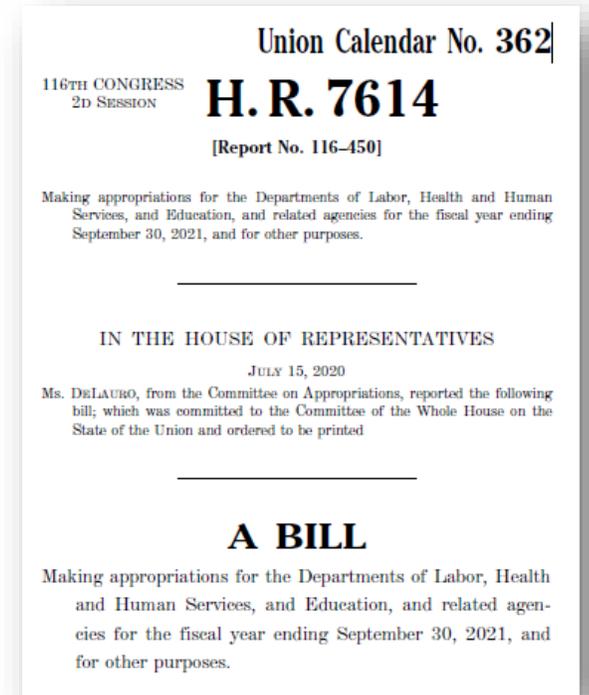
- Provide funding levels for government programs
- Annual basis from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30
- Carry policy “riders”

## Committee Reports (accompany appropriations bills):

- Report language provides direction to federal agencies
- Not legally binding, but agencies ignore it at their peril

*“The Committee notes with concern the limited research into rates of chronic disease among the population and the role of nutrition in preventing and addressing chronic disease. To support increased NIH investment in nutrition and its relation to human health and disease, the Committee directs an increase of \$10,000,000 for nutrition research...”*

– FY26 House Labor-HHS report



# Appropriations Committee – Four Corners

## House



Chair  
Tom Cole (R-OK)



Ranking Member  
Rosa DeLauro (D-CT)

## Senate



Chair  
Susan Collins (R-ME)



Ranking Member  
Patty Murray (D-WA)

# Authorizing Committees

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## Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP)



Chair  
Bill Cassidy (R-LA)



Ranking Member  
Bernie Sanders (I-VT)

## House Energy and Commerce (E&C)



Chair  
Brett Guthrie (R-KY)



Ranking Member  
Frank Pallone (D-NJ)

# 12 Appropriations Subcommittees

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Agriculture-FDA\*

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Commerce, Justice, Science

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Defense\*

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Energy and Water

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Financial Services

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State, Foreign Operations\*

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Homeland Security

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Interior and Environment (incl. EPA)

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**Labor, HHS, Education\***

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Legislative Branch

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Military Construction, Veterans Affairs\*

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Transportation, HUD

\*provides health spending

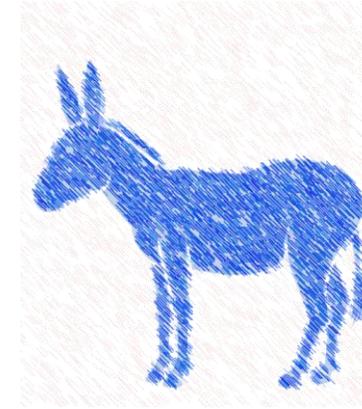
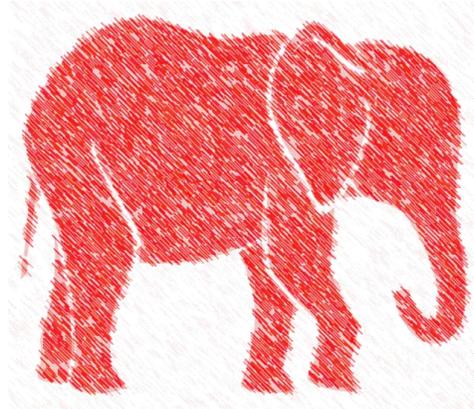
# Labor-HHS Subcommittee – House

## Majority

- Rep. Robert Aderholt (AL-04) – *Chair*
- Rep. Mike Simpson (ID-02)
- Rep. Andy Harris (MD-01)
- Rep. Chuck Fleischmann (TN-03)
- Rep. John Moolenaar (MI-02)
- Rep. Julia Letlow (LA-05)
- Rep. Andrew Clyde (GA-09)
- Rep. Jake Ellzey (TX-06)
- Rep. Stephanie Bice (OK-05)
- Rep. Riley Moore (WV-02)

## Minority

- Rep. Rosa DeLauro (CT-03) – *Ranking*
- Rep. Steny Hoyer (MD-05)
- Rep. Mark Pocan (WI-02)
- Rep. Lois Frankel (FL-22)
- Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman (NJ-12)
- Rep. Josh Harder (CA-09)
- Rep. Madeleine Dean (PA-04)



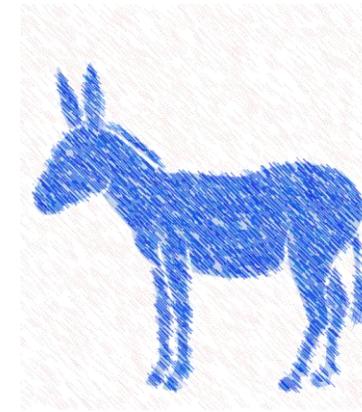
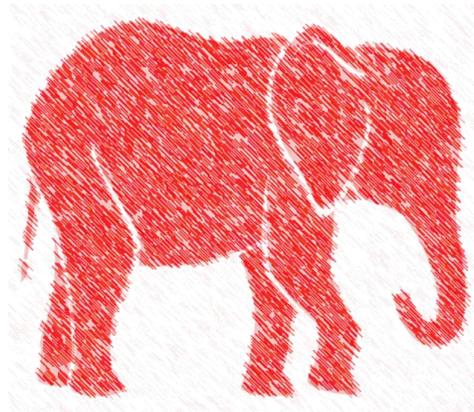
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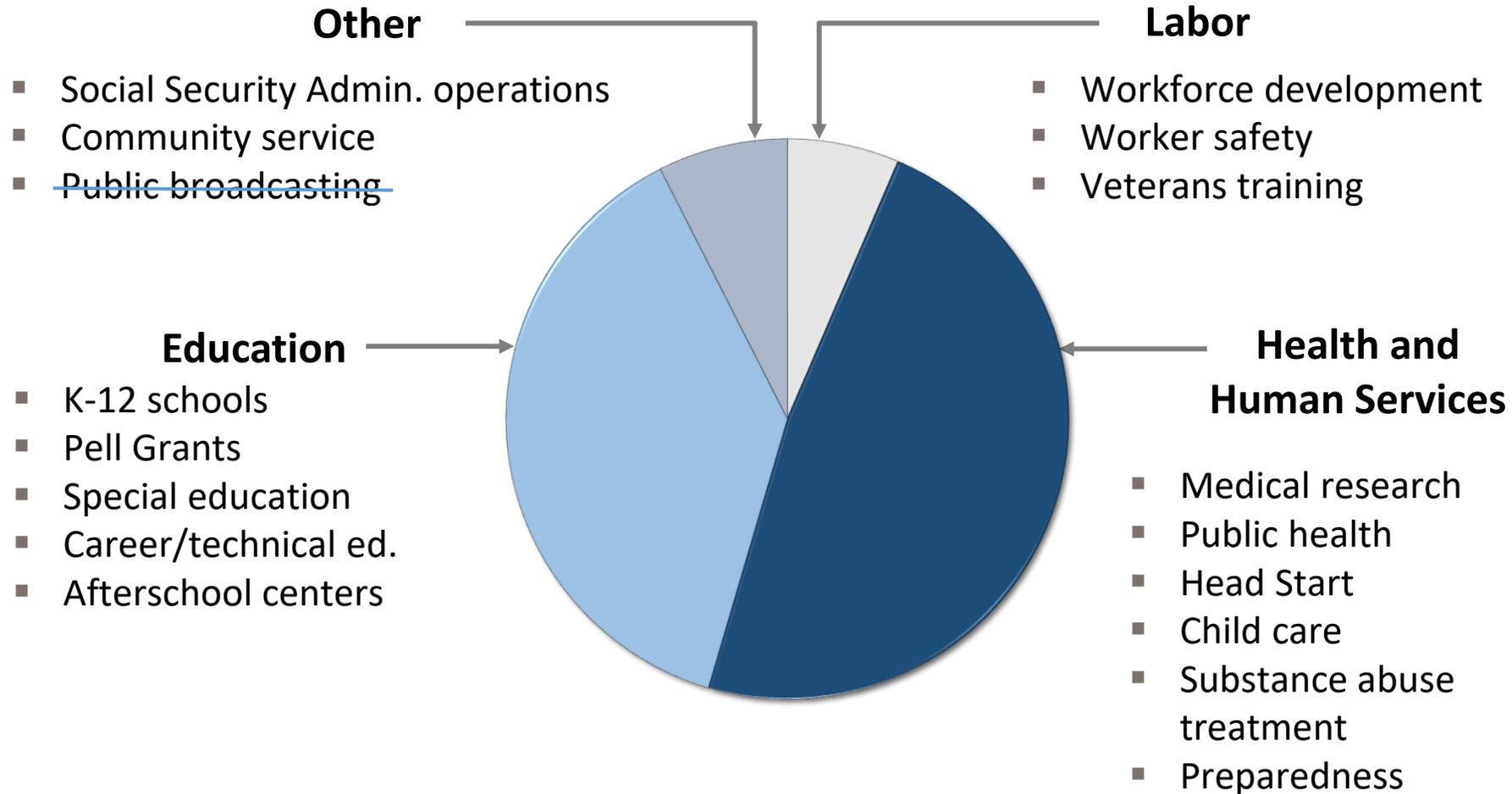
- Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (WV) – *Chair*
- Sen. Lindsay Graham (SC)
- Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith (MS)
- Sen. Jerry Moran (KS)
- Sen. John Kennedy (LA)
- Sen. John Boozman (AR)
- Sen. Katie Britt (AL)
- Sen. Markwayne Mullin (OK)
- Sen. Mike Rounds (SD)

## Minority

- Sen. Tammy Baldwin (WI) – *Ranking*
- Sen. Patty Murray (WA)
- Sen. Jack Reed (RI)
- Sen. Jeff Merkley (OR)
- Sen. Dick Durbin (IL)
- Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (NH)
- Sen. Brian Schatz (HI)
- Sen. Chris Murphy (CT)



# Many Good Causes within Labor-HHS



# Public Health Advocacy – Challenges in 119<sup>th</sup>

- Second Trump Administration with a Republican Senate and House Majority:
  - HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.; Make America Healthy Again (MAHA)
  - Public health funding terminations

## *Four States Sue Administration Over Loss of Public Health Funds*

The states, all led by Democrats, claim the cuts were intended as retribution and will harm efforts to control H.I.V. and other sexually transmitted infections.

## **Trump administration violated impoundment law by canceling NIH grants, slowing new awards, GAO finds**

Congressional watchdog concludes agency illegally failed to disburse billions in research funds

## **Balkanization of vaccine policy raises concerns about vaccine uptake, insurance coverage, experts warn**

A 'choose-your-own-adventure' approach to vaccination decisions raises alarms for experts



# Normal Appropriations Process\*

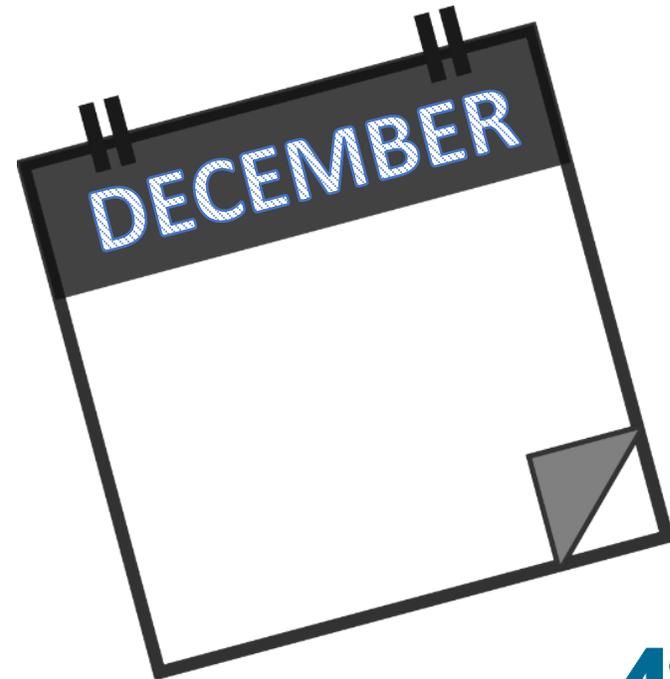
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- President releases budget request (Feb.)
- Appropriations Committees hold hearings (Feb.-May)
- Each of 12 appropriations bills:
  - “Marked up” in subcommittee (April-June)
  - Marked up in full committee (May-July)
  - Debated and passed by full House/Senate (July-Sept.)
- House acts first on each bill, then Senate (July-Sept.)
- After both House and Senate pass a bill, it goes to conference (July-Sept.)
- Conferees resolve difference and approve “conference report” (Sept.)
- House votes on conference report, then Senate (Sept.), signed by President
- All bills enacted individually by Sept. 30

*\*There's no such thing as a “normal” appropriations process*

# More Realistic Appropriations Process

- President's budget release will be delayed
- House and Senate will argue about "budget caps" and often by-pass the Budget Committee/Budget Resolution process
- House and Senate Labor-HHS subcommittees will approve wildly different bills
- Bills will not be enacted by Sept. 30
- Continuing Resolutions at least to November
- Maybe done by Christmas?





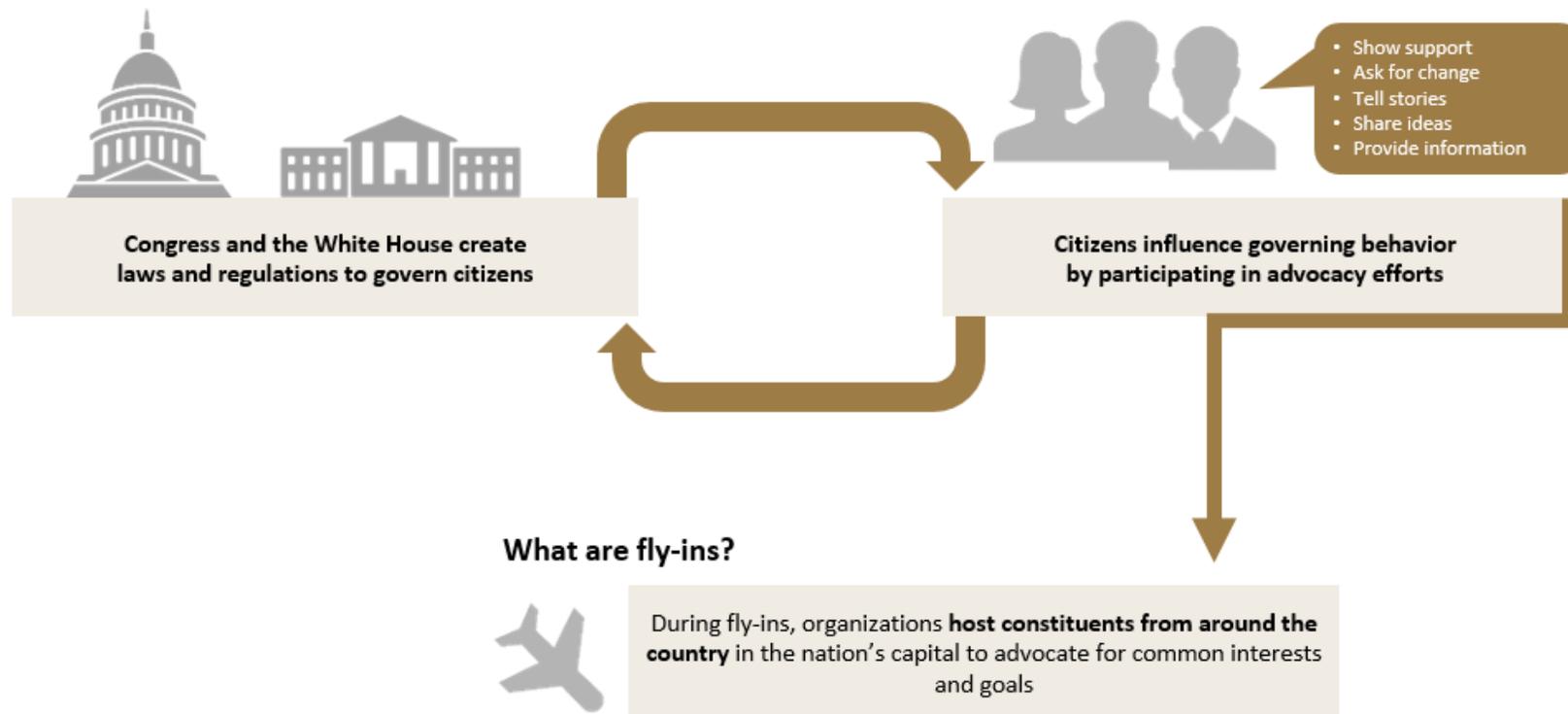
# Public Health Advocacy

Why It's Important and How to Do It Right



# Advocacy in Public Health

- The first phase to mobilize resources to implement public health strategies.
- A personal story is always the most effective approach as it is what lawmakers and decisionmakers remember.



# Members Want to Hear From You!

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- Congress expects advocates to provide information about why funding is needed, how programs work, and what they accomplish.
- It is an important factor in Congressional decisions about allocating funding increases or cuts in a zero-sum process -- how strong is the support for a particular program among my constituents?
- “If you’re not at the table, you’re on the menu!”
- Don’t assume someone else is speaking up for programs that are *your* priority.

# Who Should I Lobby?

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- Generally, your two senators and representatives based on their committee assignments and what you are lobbying for
  - For funding for a program, go to Members on the Appropriations Committee
  - For an authorizing bill, the main health authorizing committees are:
    - **House Energy and Commerce:** Public Health Service Act (PHSA), Medicaid
    - **House Ways and Means:** Medicare, taxes, Social Security Act (title V – MCH programs)
    - **Senate Health Education Labor and Pensions (HELP):** PHSA
    - **Senate Finance:** Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security Act, taxes

# Meeting Dos and Don'ts

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Don't be late for the meeting 

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Don't use acronyms of local programs or agencies 

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If you don't know the answer to a question, don't answer it 

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Research the Member's website for interests   
(Press releases, bio, committee memberships)

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Email materials prior to the meeting 

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Listen carefully and take good notes 

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Allow time for questions 

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Be respectful, even if you disagree 

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# Anatomy of a Hill Meeting

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Start with thanking the Member and/or staffer

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Make a concise introduction about who you are and what you do

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Describe the problem and the people your work helps both demographically and geographically

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Make your ask

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Identify next steps

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Thank the Member and/or staffer

# Introduce Yourself

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Who you are

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Where you're from

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Why you're there

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Make a connection (I work/live in your state/district) – **students, share your stories!**

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Give a hint about the ask

# Make the Ask – Appropriations

- For Appropriations, the Member or staff want to know some basic information:
  - Which of the 12 appropriations bills is this? *Labor, HHS, Education*
  - What agency and program? *CDC, Prevention Research Centers (PRCs)*
  - Three main numbers
    - Current FY 2026 enacted funding level: *\$28.96 million*
    - President's Budget Request for FY 2026: *0\**
    - ASPPH's request for FY 2026: *\$35 million*
- Explain why additional funding is needed, and try telling a personal story that will help them remember the meeting in the context of the ask

*\*The FY2027 President's Budget is not yet available.*

# Identify Next Steps

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Would they like you to send them any additional information/materials?

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Do they want to sign on to the letter(s)?

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Offer yourself/ASPPH as a resource in the future

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Thank them for their time!

# Follow Up

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Send a “thank you” note after the meeting

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Offer yourself up as a resource on the subject

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Answer any outstanding questions

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Reiterate next steps



# ASPPH 2026 Hill Day

What You Need to Know



# Hill Day Schedule

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## Meeting Participants:

Members of ASPPH's Advocacy Committee, Key Deans/Directors, Student Advocates

## When:

Wednesday, March 18, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

## Where:

Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel/Capitol Hill

## Schedule:

- **8:00 am – 9:00 am:** Meet in Crystal Gateway Marriott lobby/commute to the Hill
- **9:00 am – 10:00 am:** Advocacy Training Session (Room TBD)
- **10:00 am – 3:00 pm:** Attend Hill Meetings
- For those in Advisory Committee Meetings – return to the hotel by 4pm
- *(\*Note: Advocacy Committee will NOT be meeting)*

**REMINDER:  
ADVOCACY ASSOCIATES WILL BE SCHEDULING  
ALL MEETINGS!**



From: Advocacy Day <[advocacyday@advocacyassociates.com](mailto:advocacyday@advocacyassociates.com)>  
To: Margaret Lavender <[zla+lavender@advocacyday.com](mailto:zla+lavender@advocacyday.com)>  
Subject: Schedule for Okapi Hill Day

Hello Margaret Lavender,

You can access your meeting schedule for Okapi Hill Day on our free "AdvocacyDay" app, available in the App Store for Apple devices and in the Google Play Store for Android devices. The directions to access are as follows:

- In your device's app store, search for "AdvocacyDay" (all one word) and download it
- When you open the app, select "Choose Your Group" and find your group, **Okapi Association**
- If you've used the AdvocacyDay App with this email address before, log in with the credentials you previously created:
  - Your Username is [zla+lavender@advocacyday.com](mailto:zla+lavender@advocacyday.com)
  - There is a "Forgot Password" feature if needed
- If you are a new user, click the "Sign Up" button and follow the steps to create an account

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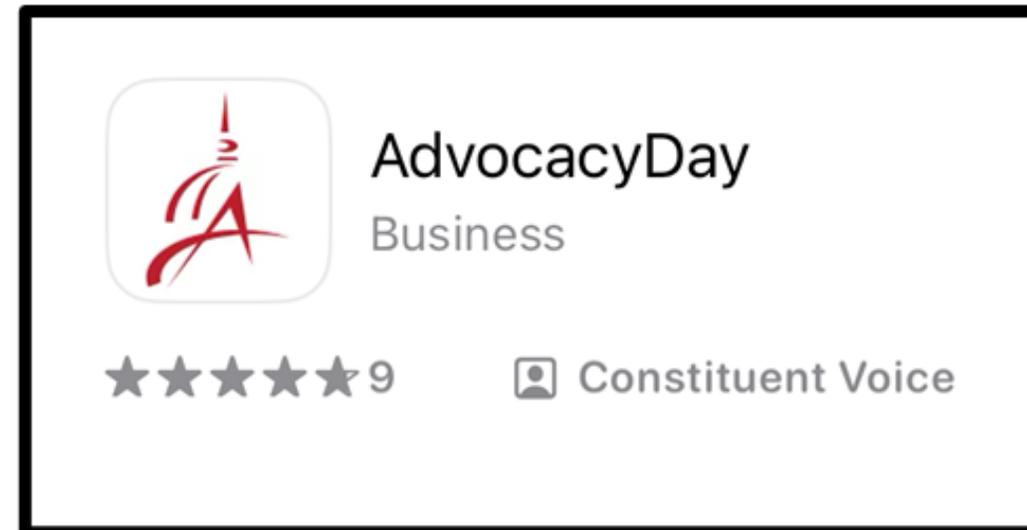
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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact support here: [advocacyday.net/oa/support](http://advocacyday.net/oa/support)

Thank you,  
Advocacy Associates

**Downloading the App**

- You will receive an **automated email from Advocacy Associates** on a **to-be-determined date** by your organization
- Check your SPAM/JUNK folder if you think you did not receive the email
  - Verify with your organization on the date this email was/will be sent
- **Follow the instructions to download the app**



# Friendly Reminder: Please RSVP!

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If you haven't done so already,  
please RSVP at:

[https://asp-ph.org/hill-day-  
registration/](https://asp-ph.org/hill-day-registration/)





# Making the Request

What Are We Asking For and Why?



# Top 5 Rules to Remember

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1. **Don't be political:** This isn't a time to be political; let that go; you are there as a researcher, as a scientific expert, not as a Democrat, Republican, or Independent
2. **Make it Real:** Tell a story; bring your research to life; make it relatable; make it something the listener cares about
3. **Impact:** Explain how it helps the place / people the person represents
4. **Economic Impact:** Let them know how it saves money
5. **Don't get in the weeds:** Don't worry about the technicalities like knowing the details of the Appropriations process

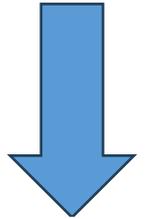
# Back to the Basics: Why Public Health is Important

- **What is public health and how does it help people?**
  - Public Health Wins – Remind People What Public Health Does
- **How is investing in public health good for health and the economy?**
  - Public Health Provides a Strong ROI
- **What is at risk if evidence and science are ignored, and the workforce is cut?**
  - Politics aside – Public Health and Safety Are at Risk



***“Numbers are important, but stories are memorable.” – Hill staffer***

# ASPPH Funding Priorities for FY 2027



Federal Agencies Funding Academic Public Health	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 ASPPH Request	FY 2026 Budget Proposal	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 ASPPH Request
<b>National Institutes of Health (NIH)</b>	<b>\$47.081 B</b>	<b>\$46.801 B</b>	<b>\$51.303 B</b>	<b>\$27.915 B</b>	<b>\$47.216 B</b>	<b>\$51.303 B</b>
<i>NIH Fogarty International Center</i>	\$95.162 M	\$95.162 M	\$104.7 M	\$0	\$95.162 M	\$104.7 M
<i>NIH National Institute on Aging</i>	\$4.507 B	\$4.507 B	N/A	\$2.867 B	\$4.517 B	?
<b>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)</b>	<b>\$9.166 B</b>	<b>\$9.166 B</b>	<b>\$11.581 B</b>	<b>\$4.321</b>	<b>\$9.148 B</b>	<b>\$11.581 B</b>
<i>CDC Prevention Research Centers</i>	\$28.961 M	\$28.961 M	\$35.0 M	\$0	\$28.961 M	\$35.0 M
<b>Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)</b>	<b>\$8.9 B</b>	<b>\$8.9 B</b>	<b>\$10.5 B</b>	<b>\$0*</b>	<b>\$8.9 B**</b>	<b>\$10.5 B</b>
<i>HRSA Public Health Training Centers</i>	\$10.2 M	\$10.2 M	\$15.0 M	\$0	\$10.2 M	\$15.0 M
<i>Healthy Longevity – HHS Office of the Secretary Study***</i>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>\$1.5 M</b>

\* HRSA was proposed to be combined with other agencies into a new Administration for a Healthy America (AHA)

\*\* Includes congressionally directed spending

\*\* ASPPH published the report “Healthy Longevity: Public Health’s Next Frontier A Framework for Research, Education, Practice, and Policy” in June 2025



# Prepping for the Request

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- Select 1 ASPPH FY 2027 funding priority.
  - Pick what is most relevant to your institution.
- Think of a specific program or initiative within your school/program (S/P) to highlight that is relevant to the ASPPH request.
  - Explain why preserved funding, cuts, or proposed policy changes will impact your institution, district, and/or state.
- Think of the “story” you want to tell.
  - We also encourage sharing impact data, if there are any available.

# Request # 1 – NIH

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## APPROPRIATIONS BILL:

- FY 27 Labor, HHS, Education Bill

## AGENCY: National Institutes of Health (NIH)

- Fogarty International Center (FIC)
- National Institute on Aging (NIA)
- 27 Institutes and Centers (ICs)

## Reference ASPPH's Funding Priorities Table

### ASK: ASPPH FY 27 Appropriations Request

- NIH Total: \$51.3 Billion
  - FIC: \$104.7 Million
  - NIA: XXXX Million
  - Prevent future policy changes to NIH Facilities and Administrative (F&A) rates



# Request # 1 – NIH

## WHY:

- Discuss how NIH/FIC/NIA funding has impacted your S/P.
- Highlight a specific program funded by NIH/FIC/NIA.
- Describe why funding is impactful.
- Mention that S/Ps receive more federal funding from NIH than any other agency!



## Express Gratitude for Passage of the FY 26 Labor-HHS Bill

- Express gratitude for increases to NIH funding and level funding for FIC in the FY 26 bill.
- Express gratitude for the FY 26 bill's language that would prohibit changes to F&A cost reimbursement at NIH.
- Request for the FY 27 bill to include at least \$51.3 Billion for NIH, \$104.7 Million for FIC, and \$XXXX for NIA with continuous language limiting changes to F&A policy at NIH.

# Request # 2 – CDC

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**APPROPRIATIONS BILL:** FY 27 Labor, HHS, Education Bill

**AGENCY:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- Prevention Research Centers (PRC)

**Reference ASPPH's Funding Priorities Table**

**ASK:** ASPPH FY 27 Appropriations Request

- CDC Total: \$11.581 Billion
- PRC: \$35 Million



# Request # 2 – CDC

## WHY:

- Discuss how CDC funding has impacted your S/P.
- Highlight a specific program that is funded by CDC.
  - Example: PRCs
- Make the case for how stronger investments in CDC can help protect and strengthen the health of communities.
- Discuss how proposed cuts to CDC funding can be detrimental.



## Express Gratitude for Passage of the FY 26 Labor-HHS Bill

- Express gratitude for the FY 26 bill's level funding for the PRC Program.
- The CDC budget was slightly cut, but this is not as steep as the president's budget.
- You can express gratitude for the final amount, but explain why it's still insufficient.

# Request # 3 – HRSA

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**APPROPRIATIONS BILL:** FY 27 Labor, HHS, Education Bill

**AGENCY:** Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

- Public Health Training Centers (PHTCs)

**ASK:** ASPPH FY27 Appropriations Request

- HRSA Total: **\$10.5 Billion**
- Public Health Training Centers: \$15 Million



# Request # 3 – HRSA

## WHY:

- Discuss how HRSA funding has impacted your S/P.
- Highlight a specific program that is funded by HRSA
  - Example: PHTCs
- Discuss the importance of investing in the future public health workforce through programs at HRSA, such as the PHTCs.



## Express Gratitude for Passage of the FY 26 Labor-HHS Bill

- Express gratitude for the FY 26 bill's level funding of the Public Health and Prevention line item (at \$18 million total; \$10.2 million for PHTCs ) and make the request for \$15 Million for PHTCs.

# Request # 4 – Healthy Longevity Agenda

**APPROPRIATIONS BILL:** FY 27 Labor, HHS, Education Bill

**AGENCY:** Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of the Secretary

**ASK:** ASPPH FY27 Appropriations Request

- Healthy Longevity Agenda: \$1.5 Million
- Report Language Calling for an HHS Healthy Longevity Agenda

**WHY::**

- Make the case for supporting programs and activities that promote healthy longevity, including:
  - Robust funding to support research, education and training, practice, and policy as it relates to improving the aging process and health outcomes across the lifespan.
- To better understand the universe of current U.S. policies, investments, and opportunities to enhance healthy longevity.



# Public Health is a Professional Degree

## WHY:

- **The Department of Education’s proposed rule contradicts congressional intent and long-standing policy.**
  - Federal and national recognition of MPH and DrPH degrees as “professional degrees” – exclusion is legally flawed.
- **Excluding public health threatens the workforce pipeline and national preparedness.**
  - Ripple effect of limiting federal student loan access to public safety and national readiness.
- **If this rule is finalized, the consequences will be felt locally in your district/state.**
  - Discuss impact on students, your institution, and community.



**ASK:** Urge Congress to exercise its oversight authority and ensure the Department of Education adheres to congressional intent by explicitly including public health in the final rule’s definition of professional degrees.

# Meeting Materials and Handouts

- We will share ASPPH-specific materials
  - ASPPH one-pager
  - ASPPH FY27 letter to appropriators
  - ASPPH FY27 priorities table
- We encourage also following up with handouts that are specific to your institution and/or complement the request(s) you are making

**ASPPH ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS & PROGRAMS OF PUBLIC HEALTH**  
THE VOICE OF ACADEMIC PUBLIC HEALTH

ASPPH is the voice of accredited academic public health, representing schools and programs accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH).

ASPPH members represent 140+ institutions, 81,000+ students and 23,000+ faculty and staff across the country and around the world.

**141 EDU REVENUE**

**65** Countries of Public Health  
**72** Graduate Public Health Programs  
**6** MEMBERS: Lebanon, China, Canada, Mexico, Taiwan, United States

**11,306** FACULTY IN FALL 2021  
PRIMARY INSTITUTIONS: 94%  
NON-PROFIT: 94%

**81,257** TOTAL UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT IN FALL 2021  
28,718 MPH ENROLLMENT  
36% MPH ENROLLMENT IN GRADUATE PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS

**25,066** GRADUATES FROM ACADEMIC YEAR 2019-2021  
RESEARCH: 20%  
MAYORS: 2%  
PHD: 6%

The Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH) is a 501(c)3 membership organization in Washington, DC.

**ASPPH ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS & PROGRAMS OF PUBLIC HEALTH**  
THE VOICE OF ACADEMIC PUBLIC HEALTH

March 13, 2024

The Honorable Robert Aderholt  
Chair  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies  
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The Honorable Tammy Baldwin  
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Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito  
Ranking Member  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Baldwin, Ranking Member Capito, Chair Aderholt, and Ranking Member Delaware:

On behalf of the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH), we want to thank your Committee for the steadfast support of public health programs that span the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (LHHS-ED) appropriations bill. Your Committee has continued to provide necessary financial resources to help meet daily demands of the U.S. public health system. These investments have been critical in protecting the American people, especially with growing challenges posed on the public health community due to the COVID-19 pandemic. To date, 1.1 million people in the U.S. have died in the pandemic. We need the world to COVID-19 deaths, further signaling the dire need for robust investments in our public health system.

As you begin the process of drafting the fiscal year (FY) 2025 Labor-HHS-ED appropriations bill, please consider our funding recommendations that support the mission of our over 150 academic institutions to provide public health education, workforce practice, training, and research. The agencies and programs below provide essential resources to advance evidence-based approaches to public health threats and prepare future generations of public health practitioners. These investments will lead to tangible public health outcomes that will benefit the nation and the world.

**ASPPH Academic Public Health Research and Partnerships Agenda**

Attached to this letter is a detailed ASPPH Academic Public Health Research and Partnerships Agenda. Working with our Research Advisory Committee, composed of Deans of schools and programs of public health, we have developed a proposal for a new approach to the federal government's investment in academic public health. Modeled in part on similar approaches such as academic health departments, the initiative would foster innovative strategies to build capacity at small and midsize health departments and bring data-driven approaches that promote evidence-based and evidence-driven community and population health challenges. We believe there is a great need for the data approach to academic public health as that is the greatest need at communities prepared for future public health threats, based on the best data and evidence in the field.

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## ASPPH APPROPRIATIONS PRIORITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026



Federal Agencies Funding Academic Public Health	FY 2023 Enacted	FY 2024 Enacted	FY 2025 Biden Proposal	FY 2025 House Labor-H Bill	FY 2025 Senate Labor-H Bill	FY 2026 ASPPH Request
National Institutes of Health (NIH)	\$48.959 B	\$48.581 B	\$51.617 B	\$48.581 B	\$50.224 B	\$52.803 B
NIH Fogarty International Center	\$95.162 M	\$95.162 M	\$95.415 M	\$95.162 M	\$95.162 M	\$104.7 M
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	\$9.2 B	\$9.166 B	\$9.683 B	\$7.383 B	\$9.198 B	\$11.581 B
CDC Prevention Research Centers	\$28.9 M	\$28.961 M	\$28.961 M	N/A	\$31.9 M	\$35.00 M
Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)	\$9.4 B	\$8.9 B	\$8.264 B	\$7.37 B	\$8.9	\$10.5 B
HRSA Public Health Training Centers	\$10.2 M	\$10.2 M	\$10.2 M	N/A	\$10.2 M	\$15.0 M



# Additional Resources for Background

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- ASPPH's Public Health is a Professional Degree [webpage and resources](#)
- ASPPH Submits [Comments](#) to the Department of Education Regarding Proposed Professional Degree Definition
- [ASPPH Media Briefing](#): Public Health Leaders Respond to the Administration's Rule Threatening the Public Health Workforce
- ASPPH *Presents* Webinar Recording: [Advocacy Across a Disrupted Public Health Landscape ASPPH Statement](#) on the FY 2026 House Labor-HHS-ED Appropriations Bill
- [ASPPH Messaging Guide](#)

# Q&A

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