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The Honorable Robert Aderholt  
Chair

Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health  
and Human Services, Education and Related  
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member

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Dear Chair Aderholt and Ranking Member DeLauro,

We respectfully request your support to include \$40,000,000 for the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Public Health Workforce Development's "Public Health and Preventive Medicine" line item in the Fiscal Year 2026 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. These programs are critical to strengthen and assure a well-trained public health workforce that is equipped to address chronic health conditions, infectious disease, addiction medicine and natural disaster relief; as well as protecting and promoting the health of all Americans. The recommended levels of funding for FY 2026 for each program are:

Preventive Medicine Residency Training Programs: \$25,000,000  
Public Health Training Centers: \$15,000,000

Funding for Preventive Medicine Residency Training Programs supports accredited post-graduate physician training through the planning, development, and operation to produce specialists in public health and preventive medicine. Increasing funding for Preventive Medicine Residency Training Programs would stabilize the nearly 40 accredited programs in Public Health and General Preventive Medicine. It would also fund nearly half of the approved unfilled residency slots for doctors who would specifically train and help staff public health departments which is an important step in moving towards providing stable funding for all approved residency positions. Preventive medicine physicians are uniquely trained in both clinical medicine and public health to promote health and well-being while reducing risk of disease, disability, and death in both individuals and populations. Investing in preventive medicine would

transform America to a wellness-based health system, as these doctors specialize in reducing burden through chronic disease prevention, disaster preparedness, and more.

In addition to critical residency funding, this funding line also supports 10 Regional Public Health Training Centers (RPHTCs), located at top universities throughout the United States. These Centers bring decades of experience in building leadership, managerial, scientific, and technical skills for the public health workforce. There is a continued critical need for a consistently robust and well-trained public health workforce capable of responding to future public health emergencies, as well as addressing ongoing community health disparities. The RPHTCs are well suited to address these needs yet they require sustained and increased funding.

Thank you for your consideration of this request to support the training of medical professionals who dedicate their career to disease prevention and health promotion for all communities by providing \$40,000,000 in FY 2026 funding to HRSA for the “Public Health and Preventive Medicine” line item.

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