
THE 317 COALITION

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The Honorable Tom Harkin
United States Senate
731 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Harkin:

On behalf of the approximately 150 members of the 317 Coalition, I am writing to thank you for your continued support of the Prevention and Public Health Fund. Your remarks on the Senate floor last week were informative and accurate. We sincerely appreciate your tireless efforts to restore the fund to follow the intent of the Affordable Care Act to use the fund to reduce health care costs through prevention.

A significant portion of the Prevention and Public Health Fund supports the core 317 Program. This funding helps to ensure that the 317 Program is able to provide the essential infrastructure to deliver the Vaccines for Children program and respond to disease outbreaks.

A strong public health infrastructure will continue to be critical to ensure high vaccination coverage levels and low incidence of vaccine-preventable diseases, as well as maintaining adequate public health preparedness for response to a vaccine-preventable national emergency. Outbreaks of diseases such as whooping cough, meningitis and influenza continue to plague our nation, requiring ongoing public health intervention. We know that vaccines are the most cost effective medical intervention.

Thank you for your dedication to the public health community and your strong support of prevention. We will under your leadership continue the fight for the Prevention Fund and in making smart, evidence-based investments in prevention and wellness.

Sincerely,



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