

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

[[DATE]]

The Honorable Robert Aderholt  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human  
Services, Education, and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human  
Services, Education, and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Aderholt and Ranking Member DeLauro,

As you consider appropriations for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026, we write to request the inclusion of report language and \$6 million in dedicated funding to support the *Chronic Disease Education and Awareness Program* within the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

This emerging program is a top priority for the chronic disease and public health stakeholder community. This innovative mechanism of support will facilitate partnerships targeted at addressing emerging and ongoing areas of national concern. The progression and severity of many chronic diseases can be mitigated with proper education, physician information, and related public health initiatives. The *Chronic Disease Education and Awareness Program* will allow leading public health experts at CDC to review competitive proposals and direct resources to high-impact areas in a flexible and accountable fashion. The program can also play a crucial role in emerging efforts to address chronic diseases that lack line-item funding in the CDC budget, particularly pediatric chronic conditions.

We thank you both for the support of the establishment of this program in FY2021, as well as the continued support for increased funding in the ensuing fiscal years, and ask for continued support for meritorious efforts in condition areas that lack current line-item funding. Please support this program for FY2026 to facilitate timely and impactful public health efforts with community stakeholders.

Programmatic Request:

Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Bill  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

Report Language Request:

*Chronic Disease Education and Awareness [CDEA] Program.—The Committee is pleased by the continued progress of the CDEA program and notes the success and impact of supported projects. The Committee has provided \$6 million for FY2026 to support additional grants for chronic diseases, including rare conditions, that lack a funding line within the CDC’s budget.*

[[CLOSING]]

[[SIGNATURES]]