

Subject Line: Support FY26 Funding for CDC Chronic Disease Research

**Support Chronic Disease Research at CDC for FY26**

**Deadline:** COB on Thurs, May 15

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Dear Colleague,

Please join me by signing the below letter to support federal research and scientific advancements related to chronic diseases through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP). **This letter includes a report language request and a funding request of \$6 million for the *Chronic Disease Education and Awareness Program* in FY26.**

Chronic diseases account for seven of the top ten causes of death in America and more than 90 percent of our annual health care spending. Hundreds of thousands of Americans who suffer from unpreventable chronic conditions need access to care. However, the deadliest and costliest chronic diseases are also the most preventable. Resources to lower the rate of preventable chronic diseases are essential for our health care system to better support individuals with unpreventable chronic conditions and invisible illnesses.

Please join me in supporting this timely committee recommendation for CDC by signing the corresponding sign on letter. To sign on, please use [this](#) Quill link. Please contact Rep. Lieu's office at [felix.wu@mail.house.gov](mailto:felix.wu@mail.house.gov) with any questions.

Sincerely,

Ted W. Lieu

Member of Congress

Letter text below:

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.*

Sincerely,