



September 16, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Labor, Health and Human Services, and  
Education  
Chair, Appropriations Committee  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Ranking Member, Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and  
Human Services, and Education  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Patty Murray  
Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Labor, Health and Human Services, and  
Education  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Roy Blunt  
Ranking Member, Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and  
Human Services, and Education  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro, Ranking Member Cole, Chair Murray, and Ranking Member Blunt,

As Friends of NCHS, we write to thank you for your support for the National Center for Health Statistics thus far in the FY 2023 appropriations process. NCHS provides enormous value to the US public health infrastructure at the national, state, and local levels, for researchers and policymakers alike. The additional investment in both chambers of \$10 million in NCHS would allow the agency to create a more responsive twenty-first century statistical agency and reaffirm NCHS's status as the world's gold-standard producer of health statistics. We therefore respectfully request enactment of at least \$190.4 million in FY23.

A key lesson of the Covid19 pandemic and being ready for the next public health crisis is to have more timely, frequent, and granular data available on America's health and healthcare. NCHS can more quickly help to fulfill that gap with additional funding for modernization and diversification of its data collection efforts, and for data modeling and analysis capabilities. The [Friends of NCHS FY23 priorities document](#), endorsed by 56 organizations, elaborates on how NCHS can immediately put additional investment to effective use in producing more timely, frequent and granular data.

For more information, visit [www.friendsofnchs.org](http://www.friendsofnchs.org)

The Friends of NCHS greatly appreciates the House and Senate Subcommittee's longstanding support of NCHS and the data it produces, and we look forward to continuing to work with you. Thank you for supporting this crucial agency and its role in monitoring the health of our nation.

Sincerely,

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Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics  
AcademyHealth  
Advocates for Better Children's Diets  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Anthropological Association  
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American Association for Dental, Oral, and  
Craniofacial Research  
American Association of Colleges of  
Nursing  
American Association on Health and  
Disability  
American College of Clinical Pharmacy  
American College of Obstetricians and  
Gynecologists  
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American Physical Therapy Association  
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Medicine  
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Department Chairs  
Association of Population Centers  
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Federal Statistics  
Data Coalition Initiative  
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and Brain Sciences  
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and Social Research  
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Practitioners  
National Safety Council  
North American Society for Pediatric  
Gastroenterology, Hepatology and  
Nutrition  
Pediatric Policy Council  
Population Association of America  
Power to Decide  
Safe States Alliance  
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