

# United States Senate

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The Honorable Tom Harkin  
Chairman  
Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor,  
Health and Human Services, and Education  
Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 131

The Honorable Jerry Moran  
Ranking Member  
Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor,  
Health and Human Services, and Education  
Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 156

Dear Chairman Harkin and Ranking Member Moran:

As you and your colleagues consider the Fiscal Year 2015 (FY15) Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, we respectfully request you maintain a strong commitment to funding that supports the vital public health activities of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). As our nation's primary health protection agency, the CDC is responsible for ensuring the health of Americans from threats both foreign and domestic. While we recognize the difficult decisions the Subcommittee faces in this current fiscal environment, we believe it is critically important to ensure the CDC has the necessary resources to accomplish its mission.

We would especially like to call to your attention several of the CDC's major program initiatives, specifically expansion of global health security activities, detection and protection against antibiotic resistance, prescription drug overdose prevention, and continuation of the Advanced Molecular Detection program. Through the innovative research and study at the CDC, our country is better equipped to combat potential infectious disease outbreaks and any other disasters that may occur, both on a national and local scale.

We appreciate your past support for the CDC and look forward to working with you to maintain these important public health investments within the context of a responsible federal budget. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Saxby Chambliss

  
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