

May 15, 2023

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker McCarthy, Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, and Minority Leader Jeffries:

The 760 undersigned organizations representing the full breadth of diverse programs that support all of America, every day are deeply alarmed by calls from some in Congress for very deep cuts in non-defense programs (often referred to as non-defense discretionary appropriations or simply

of the federal government to serve the public, assist those in need, fuel innovation, and address national and global threats.

Non-defense appropriations are a small part of the federal budget less than one-sixth yet they fund a wide range of important programs and services that make America run. Examples include: scientific and medical research, medical care for veterans, environmental protections, assistance with housing and child care for low-income families, rural development, support for K-12 education and skills training, financial aid for college students, infrastructure investments in things like sewage treatment, safe drinking water, flood control and navigation improvements, diplomacy, humanitarian aid and development, courts and reentry programs, assistance for small businesses, and other programs for seniors, public health, and many more.

Due in large part to the Budget Control Act of 2011 and subsequent sequestration, NDD funding has not grown significantly. In fact, adjusted for rising costs and population growth, NDD funding is below where it was in 2010. Measured relative to the size of the economy, NDD funding is lower than the average from 1977 through 2022. The turn to austerity following the Great Recession, headlined by the Budget Control Act, had a detrimental impact on the recovery and overall economy, contributing to lower economic growth, higher unemployment rates, and poorer economic outcomes. Constrained NDD funding over the past decade means that many unmet needs have not been addressed or have grown. These NDD programs need more federal investment, not less.



American Epilepsy Society  
American Federation of State, County and  
Municipal Employees (AFSCME)  
American Federation of Teachers  
American Gastroenterological Association  
American Geophysical Union (AGU)  
American Geriatrics Society  
American Heart Association  
American Indian Higher Education Consortium

Association of School Business Officials  
International (ASBO)  
Association of Schools and Colleges of  
Optometry  
Association of Schools and Programs of Public  
Health  
Association of State and Territorial Health  
Officials  
Association of the Clinicians for the  
Underserved (ACU)  
Association of University Centers on Disabilities  
Association of University Professors of  
Neurology  
Association of University Professors of  
Ophthalmology  
Atlanta University Center Consortium  
Atlantis Industries, Inc.  
Autism Society of America  
AVAC  
Axis Advocacy  
AZCASE  
Basic Education Coalition  
Baylor College of Medicine  
BCCIL

Disability Rights California  
Disability Rights Center New Hampshire  
Disability Rights Center of Kansas  
Disability Rights Florida  
Disability Rights Iowa  
Disability Rights Louisiana  
Disability Rights Maine  
Disability Rights Mississippi  
Disability Rights New Jersey  
Disability Rights New Mexico  
Disability Rights New York  
Disability Rights North Carolina  
Disability Rights Oregon  
Disability Rights South Carolina  
Disability Rights Tennessee D(ioc)-Justice Office  
Disability Rights Vermont  
Disability Rights Washington DDisability Rights Oregon  
Division of Child and Family Services  
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Justice Office  
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Health GAP (Global Access Project)  
 HealthDataViz  
 Healthy Teen Network  
 HealthyWomen  
 Helminthological Society of Washington  
 HelpAge USA  
 Hemophilia Federation of America  
 Higher Education Consortium for Special Education (HECSE)  
 Hilarity for Charity (HFC)  
 HIV + Hepatitis Policy Institute  
 HIV Medicine Association  
 Hope Charities  
 Housing Action Illinois  
 Housing Works, Inc.  
 Houston Science Policy and Advocacy Group  
 Human Factors and Ergonomics Society  
 Humanity Speaks  
 Hydrocephalus Association  
 IAVI  
 Iberia Parish Mosquito Abatement District  
 IC&RC  
 Idaho Innocence Project  
 Illinois Alliance of Administrators of Special Education  
 Illinois Association for College Admission Counseling  
 Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission  
 Illinois Psychological Association  
 Illinois Society for the Prevention of Blindness  
 ImmSchools  
 Indiana Council of Administrators of Special Education (ICASE)  
 Indiana Disability Rights  
 Indy Hunger Network  
 Infectious Diseases Society of America  
 Innocence Project  
 Innocence Project of Florida, Inc.  
 Institute for Educational Leadership  
 Institute for Higher Education Policy (IHEP)  
 InterAction  
 International Association for Indigenous Aging  
 International Association of Providers of AIDS Care  
 International Public Health Advisors  
 International Safety Equipment Association  
 Interstitial Cystitis Association (ICA)  
 IntraHealth International  
 Ipas  
 Jazz at Lincoln Center  
 Jewish Women International  
 Josselyn  
 Just Future Project  
 Justice in Aging  
 Justice Strategies  
 Keck School of Medicine of USC  
 Kentucky Innocence Project  
 KIPP Public Schools  
 Knowledge Alliance  
 Lasker Foundation  
 Latinos for Education  
 LEAD Coalition (Leaders Engaged on Alzheimer's Disease)  
 LeadingAge  
 Learning Disabilities Association of America  
 Legal Council for Health Justice  
 Legal Rights Center  
 Lehigh University  
 Life Unbolted Inc.  
 Linguistic Society of America  
 Lupus and Allied Diseases Association, Inc.  
 Lupus Foundation of America  
 Lupus Research Alliance  
 LWDB 21  
 Lymphatic Education & Research Network  
 Lyons Industries, Inc.  
 Maine Prisoner Advocacy Coalition  
 Management Sciences for Health  
 March of Dimes  
 Mass General Brigham  
 Maternity Care Coalition  
 Mathematical Association of America  
 MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger  
 M-CM Network  
 Meals on Wheels America  
 Meals on Wheels California  
 Meals on Wheels of Hillsborough County  
 Medical Library Association  
 Medicare Rights Center  
 Melanoma Research Foundation  
 Memorial Behavioral Health  
 Mental Health America  
 MENTOR  
 Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation  
 METAvivor  
 Michigan Music Education Association  
 Michigan State University  
 Michigan Works! Association  
 Michigan Works! Northeast Consortium  
 Michigan Works! Southwest  
 Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project

Midwest Center of Excellence for Vector-Borne  
Disease  
Midwest Innocence Project  
Miles for Migraine  
Mind the Class  
Minnesota Administrators for Special Education  
Minnesota Music Educators Association  
Missouri Council of Administrators of Special  
Education

National Coalition for Food and Agricultural Research  
National Coalition for Literacy  
National Coalition of STD Directors  
National College Attainment Network  
National Community Development Association  
National Council for Community and Education Partnerships (NCCEP)  
National Council for Diversity in Health Professions (NCDHP)  
National Council of Churches  
National Council of Jewish Women  
National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges  
National Council of Teachers of Mathematics  
National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence Maryland Chapter  
National Crittenton  
National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)  
National Disease Research Interchange  
National Eating Disorders Association  
National Eczema Association  
National Employment Law Project  
National Harm Reduction Coalition  
National Health Care for the Homeless Council  
National Health Council  
National Healthy Start Association  
National Hemophilia Foundation  
National Hispanic Medical Association  
National Housing Resource Center  
National Indian Education Association  
National Juvenile Justice Network  
National Kidney Foundation  
National Leased Housing Association  
National Multiple Sclerosis Society  
National National for Youth  
National network for Youth  
National Network of Public Health Institutes  
National Network to End Domestic Violence  
National Nurse-Led Care Consortium  
National Organization for Tardive Dyskinesia  
National Organization for Women  
National Pancreas Foundation (NPF)  
National Parks Conservation Association  
National Partnership for Women & Families  
National Postdoctoral Association  
National Prevention Science Coalition to Improve Lives  
National Psoriasis Foundation  
National Resource Center on Domestic Violence  
National Rural Education Advocacy Consortium

National Rural Health Association  
National Safety Council  
National Skills Coalition  
National Summer Learning Association  
National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition  
National Task Group / ID & Dementia Practices  
National Women's Law Center  
Native American Disability Law Center  
Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)  
Natural Science Collections Alliance  
NCJW PA  
Nebraska CASE - NASES  
NELA Alliance aka Northeast Louisiana Economic Alliance  
Nephcure Kidney International  
Nevada Disability Advocacy & Law Center  
Never Use Alone Inc.  
New Jersey Mosquito Control Association  
New Leaders  
New York Academy of Medicine  
New York Council Of Administrators of Special Education  
Newfield CSD  
NH Association of Special Education Administrators  
NMAC  
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Organizations Concerned About Rural  
Education.

Ouachita Workforce Board 81

Overdose Crisis Response Fund

Oxfam America

PA Education Association

PaCASE-Pennsylvania Council of

Administrators of Special Education

Pacific Northwest Association for College

Admission Counseling

PAI

Parents as Teachers

PATH

Pennsylvania Music Educators Association

Pennsylvania Public Health Association

People Power United

People with Empathy

Planned Parenthood Federation of America

Platelet Disorder Support Association (PDSA)

Playworks

Population Association of America

Teach For America  
Teacher Education Division of the Council for  
Exceptional Children (TED)  
The Advocacy Institute  
The AIDS Institute  
The American College of Preventive Medicine  
The American Orff-Schulwerk Association  
The American Society for Biochemistry and  
Molecular Biology  
The Association for Frontotemporal  
Degeneration  
The Association for Research in Vision and  
Ophthalmology (ARVO)  
The Brain Donor Project  
THE BRAIN TRUTH  
The Breakthrough Institute  
The Center for Educational Equity at Teachers  
College, Columbia University  
The Coalition for Health Funding  
The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment  
Station  
The Corps Network  
The Education Trust  
The END Fund  
The Exoneration Project  
The George Washington University  
The Gerontological Society of America  
The Juniper Center  
The Kennedy Forum  
The Lundquist Institute  
The Mended Hearts, Inc.  
The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's  
Research  
The National Domestic Violence Hotline  
The Porchlight Collective SAP  
The Seventh Planning District Consortium  
Workforce Board (LWDA 70)  
The Shriver Center at UMBC  
The Shriver Center on Poverty Law  
The STARR Coalition  
The Wilderness Society  
Thresholds  
Together for Girls  
Tourette Association of America  
TPAN  
Transgender Resilience Project  
Treatment Action Group  
Treatment Communities of America  
Trust for America's Health  
Trust for Public Land

