



July 19, 2023

Dear Senator/Representative:

As you work on FY24 appropriations bills, the undersigned public health, medical and patient advocacy organizations strongly urge you to actively oppose all policy riders, proactively invest in our nation's health and work to ensure that final funding bills are passed on time.

Our organizations stand in strong opposition to adding policy riders to appropriations bills. Policy riders undermine public health efforts, jeopardizing the health and safety of your constituents. Specifically, we oppose riders that would narrow or weaken FDA's authority to protect the public's health from addictive and flavored tobacco products; and prevent EPA from setting stronger clean air protections or implementing investments from the Inflation Reduction Act. These and other riders would undermine

health and clean air protections. Policy riders have no place in must-pass spending bills and should not be included.

We are also deeply troubled by the steep funding reductions both in the Fiscal Responsibility Act and beyond that the House has proposed to non-defense appropriations. Our organizations have consistently highlighted the overwhelming importance of robust, sustained and predictable increases in funding for the agencies that are critical to protecting the public's health, promoting health equity and preventing future healthcare costs. Cuts jeopardize our nation's health and security.

Our organizations urge that Congress reject all policy riders in appropriations bills and instead work to find a bipartisan path forward that protects our nation's health.

Sincerely,

Allergy & Asthma Network
Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments
ALS Association
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Heart Association
American Lung Association
American Public Health Association
American Thoracic Society
Arthritis Foundation
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America
Children's Environmental Health Network
Climate Psychiatry Alliance
GO2 for Lung Cancer
LUNGevery Foundation
Medical Students for a Sustainable Future
National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
National Environmental Health Association
National Kidney Foundation
National League for Nursing
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
National Patient Advocate Foundation
Physicians for Social Responsibility
Public Health Institute
Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation
The AIDS Institute
The Mended Hearts, Inc.