

January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Dear Member of Congress:

On behalf of the Injury and Violence Prevention Network (IVPN) and the undersigned members, we respectfully urge you to support funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (Injury Center) at the levels proposed in the Senate Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations bill. Stable and sufficient funding for the CDC Injury Center is essential to maintaining state and local capacity to prevent injuries and violence.

Injuries and violence are a leading cause of death in the United States, accounting for more than 300,000 deaths each year. In addition, these harms place a significant burden on states and local communities, with an estimated economic cost of \$4.2 trillion annually. These harms, including overdose, suicide, homicide, older adult falls, drownings, and motor vehicle crashes, are largely preventable. Strong and continuous support for the Injury Center will ensure states and communities have the tools, data, and expertise they need to prevent injuries and violence and respond effectively to emerging threats.

The Injury Center serves as the nation's leading organization dedicated to injury and violence prevention. Through data collection, research, and the dissemination of evidence-based strategies, the Injury Center supports states, tribes, and communities in the adoption and implementation of effective prevention efforts. The Senate FY26 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations bill currently allocates \$761 million for the Injury Center, consistent with FY25 funding levels. Preserving this investment is essential to ensuring states and communities can continue to implement lifesaving injury and violence prevention efforts.

As FY26 appropriations negotiations move forward, we respectfully request that you support the \$761 million included in the Senate FY26 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations bill.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please contact Paul Bonta, Director of Government Relations for the Safe States Alliance, at [Paul.Bonta@SafeStates.org](mailto:Paul.Bonta@SafeStates.org).

Thank you for your continued support of injury and violence prevention efforts in the communities you represent.

Sincerely,

American Academy of Nursing

American Academy of Pediatrics

American Association of Neurological Surgeons

American College of Emergency Physicians

American College of Surgeons

American Foundation for the Blind (AFB)

American Public Health Association (APHA)

American Thoracic Society

American Trauma Society

Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)

Brain Injury Association of Nebraska

Child Injury Prevention Alliance

Columbia Center for Injury Science and Prevention

Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA)

Community Justice

Congress of Neurological Surgeons

Futures Without Violence

Gerontological Society of America

International Association of Forensic Nurses

National Alliance to End Sexual Violence

National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners

National Association of RSVP Directors

National Association of Social Workers (NASW)

National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence

National Council on Aging

National League of Nursing

National Network of Public Health Institutes

National Prevention Science Coalition to Improve Lives

National Safety Council

Nationwide Children's Hospital

Prevention Institute

Respect Together

Safe Kids Worldwide

Safe States Alliance

Society for Advancement of Violence and Injury Research (SAVIR)

Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE)

The Health Alliance for Violence Intervention (HAVI)

Trauma Center Association of America (TCAA)

Trust for America's Health

ValorUS

Village to Village Network

YMCA of the USA