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The Honorable Fred Upton
House Energy and Commerce Committee
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Upton:

On behalf of Respiratory Health Association, I'm writing to voice our strong opposition to the proposed efforts to repeal the Prevention and Public Health Fund. The proposal which is in H.R. 4725 is being considered by the House Energy and Commerce Committee. We urge you to oppose passage of this proposal which would eliminate future funding for crucial public health and prevention activities.

Serving the Chicago area for over 100 years, the mission of Respiratory Health Association (RHA) is to promote healthy lungs and fight lung disease through research, advocacy and education

The Prevention Fund invests in community based prevention programs including childhood immunizations, clinical prevention and tobacco use prevention programs among others. Dedicated to reducing the toll of tobacco on our communities, we know the value in both human health and fiscal terms, of investing in tobacco prevention. For the past few years, a relatively small portion of the federal health expenditures each year have been devoted to programs to prevent disease—not just cure it. Funds like this, which reduce the youth smoking rate, will pay huge dividends in the future in human health and reduced healthcare costs.

Please oppose the Prevention and Public Health repeal in H.R. 4725 as well as any proposals that raid funding from the Prevention and Public Health Fund.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Matt Maloney
Director of Health Policy



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