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### **NACCHO Applauds House Appropriations Bill to Increase HHS Budget**

**Washington, DC, April 30, 2019** — The [National Association of County and City Health Officials](http://www.naccho.org) (NACCHO), the voice of the nation’s nearly 3,000 local health departments, released the following statement in support of the House of Representatives’ proposed \$8.5 billion increase to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services budget as part of their Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education FY2020 spending bill.

“We appreciate and thank the subcommittee for providing strong funding for public health priorities, including CDC and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response led programs, in their FY2020 spending bill. These federal investments are key to support the work of local health departments and help keep people healthy and safe. As the measles outbreaks across the country highlight, it is critical that our nation prioritize funding for governmental public health infrastructure and programs,” said Adriane Casalotti, NACCHO Chief of Government and Public Affairs.

“We are particularly excited to see that the subcommittee included \$8.3 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), accelerating the amount advocated for by the 22 x 22 Coalition, of which NACCHO is a member. Just last month, NACCHO members were on the Hill highlighting the importance of these funds for their local communities. We stand ready to work with Congress and the White House to help make these strong investments in public health a reality.”

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### **About NACCHO**

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) represents the nation’s nearly 3,000 local health departments. These city, county, metropolitan, district, and tribal departments work every day to protect and promote health and well-being for all people in their communities. For more information about NACCHO, please visit [www.naccho.org](http://www.naccho.org).