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To fully fund the Prevention and Public Health Fund and reaffirm the importance of prevention in the United States healthcare system.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MATSUI (for herself, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. TONKO, Ms. McCLELLAN, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. COHEN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CISNEROS, Ms. TITUS, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. ELFRETH, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. KHANNA, and Ms. TOKUDA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

To fully fund the Prevention and Public Health Fund and reaffirm the importance of prevention in the United States healthcare system.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### 3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Public Health Funding  
5 Restoration Act”.

### 6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1           (1) The Prevention and Public Health Fund  
2           (section 4002 of the Patient Protection and Afford-  
3           able Care Act (42 U.S.C. 300u–11)) was designed  
4           “to provide for expanded and sustained national in-  
5           vestment in prevention and public health programs  
6           to improve health and help restrain the rate of  
7           growth in private and public health care costs”.

8           (2) Funding under such section is essential to  
9           core efforts at the Department of Health and  
10          Human Services and in State, local, Tribal, and ter-  
11          ritorial health departments to prevent and control  
12          the spread of infectious disease and prevent injuries  
13          and the development of chronic conditions.

14          (3) Prevention and Public Health Fund dollars  
15          support evidenced-based investments in tobacco use  
16          prevention and cessation, nutrition, mental health,  
17          childhood lead poisoning prevention, elder care ini-  
18          tiatives, and immunizations, among other prevention  
19          initiatives. Funding gives States and communities  
20          the flexibility to respond to public health threats  
21          that may be unique to their communities and bol-  
22          sters the State, local, Tribal, and territorial response  
23          to global public health threats.

24          (4) Such prevention efforts have shown to be  
25          effective. Funding increases for community-based

1 public health programs reduce infant deaths and  
2 preventable deaths caused by cancer, diabetes, and  
3 cardiovascular disease. Every dollar spent on preven-  
4 tion saves nearly \$6 in health spending and every  
5 dollar spent on childhood vaccines saves \$16.50 in  
6 future health care costs.

7 (5) Investments in prevention reduce the cost of  
8 health care in the United States. \$2,900,000,000 in  
9 investments in community-based disease prevention  
10 is estimated to save \$16,500,000,000 annually with-  
11 in 5 years.

12 (6) Cuts to the Prevention and Public Health  
13 Fund and other public health prevention efforts un-  
14 dermine efforts to create an affordable and acces-  
15 sible health care system, and a better quality of life  
16 for Americans.

17 (7) Cuts to the Prevention and Public Health  
18 Fund endanger the ability of States and localities to  
19 distribute vaccinations and public health information  
20 successfully. The Prevention and Public Health  
21 Fund is critical to the growth of the Centers for  
22 Disease Control and Prevention's section 317 Immu-  
23 nization Program and to the Epidemiology and Lab-  
24 oratory Capacity program.

1           (8) Restoring Prevention and Public Health  
 2           Fund funding to \$2,000,000,000 annually will allow  
 3           the Fund to invest in more innovative, evidence-  
 4           based public health programs and maintain and ex-  
 5           pand investments in programs with demonstrated  
 6           success.

7           (9) Restoring Prevention and Public Health  
 8           Fund funding to \$2,000,000,000 will give the Cen-  
 9           ters for Disease Control and Prevention and State,  
 10          local, Tribal, and territorial health departments  
 11          funding that they need to invest in prevention ef-  
 12          forts that will help the country avoid future  
 13          pandemics and epidemics.

14 **SEC. 3. PREVENTION AND PUBLIC HEALTH FUND.**

15          Section 4002(b) of the Patient Protection and Af-  
 16          fordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 300u–11(b)) is amended—

17               (1) in paragraph (4), by adding at the end  
 18               “and”; and

19               (2) by striking paragraphs (5) through (10)  
 20               and inserting the following:

21               “(5) for fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year  
 22               thereafter, \$2,000,000,000.”.

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