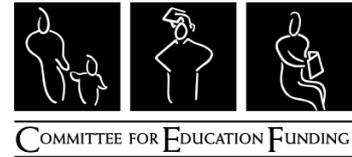




COALITION *for* HEALTH FUNDING



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Dear House Appropriations Committee Member,

We are writing on behalf of [more than 900 education, health and workforce training organizations](#) to express our shock and strong objections to the proposed fiscal year (FY) 2014 302(b) allocation for the Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bill.

The proposed allocation is 18.6 percent below the final FY 2013 sequester level and 22.2 percent below the FY 13 pre-sequester Continuing Resolution level. This will result in absolutely devastating cuts to programs that protect American's health, prepare workers for jobs, and educate our nation's students. Cuts of this magnitude will cause real and irreparable harm to tens of millions of Americans.

The proposed 302(b) allocation, which is lower than the FY 2001 level, will require cuts to job training, health and education programs that will increase disease and sickness among Americans, short-circuit critical biomedical research programs, harm the economy by making it more difficult to provide people with needed job training, reduce the quality of education for our nation's schoolchildren, and make it more expensive to attend college.

Unless and until the Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee and then the full Committee markup a FY 2014 bill, we won't know the exact funding levels for each program. However, based on an assumption that all programs would be cut by the same percentage as the overall bill total, here are just a few examples of what an 18.6% cut means:

- National Institutes for Health = -\$5.38 billion
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention = -\$1.01 billion
- Health Resources and Services Administration = -\$1.087 billion
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration = -\$597 million
- Workforce Investment Act (WIA) = -\$459 million
- Vocational Rehabilitation = -\$64 million
- Career and technical education = -\$198 million
- Title I Grants to high-poverty school districts = -\$2.56 billion
- Teacher quality State grants = -\$435 million
- IDEA State grants = -\$2.04 billion
- Pell grants = -\$4.24 billion
- Head Start = -\$1.42 billion

We urge the Committee to reject the proposed 302(b) allocations. Instead of almost quadrupling the sequester cuts to these critical programs that serve Americans of all ages every day, the Congress must enact a bipartisan balanced deficit reduction plan that replaces the sequester cuts.

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