

The Honorable Debbie Dingell  
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable David Valadao  
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The Honorable Brian Fitzpatrick  
US House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Yvette Clarke  
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Dear Representatives Dingell, Valadao, Fitzpatrick and Clarke:

As we recognize Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month this May, the undersigned organizations write to express our strong support for the Elijah E. Cummings Family Asthma Act (H.R. 6052). This bipartisan legislation would strengthen the federal response to asthma by supporting asthma surveillance, public health infrastructure and evidence-based prevention and management strategies.

Asthma affects nearly 28 million people in the United States, including 4.75 million children, and remains one of the leading chronic diseases affecting children and families nationwide. Between 9 and 11 people die each day from asthma, and nearly all of those deaths are preventable with access to effective treatment. Each year, asthma leads to nearly 1.8 million emergency department visits, more than 94,000 hospitalizations, and approximately \$80 billion in annual costs. Addressing these challenges will require proven public health interventions, better disease management and strong coordination between providers, public health agencies and community partners.

The Family Asthma Act would help strengthen and expand the reach of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Asthma Control Program (NACP), the only federal program dedicated to asthma prevention and surveillance, to all states. The bill would support collaboration with state and local health departments to improve public education and asthma management, strengthen state asthma strategic planning efforts and modernize asthma surveillance systems to better track asthma prevalence and outcomes. These investments are critical to helping identify those most at risk, improving access to evidence-based interventions and reducing preventable asthma-related emergencies and hospitalizations.

This legislation also continues the legacy of the late Congressman Elijah E. Cummings, who was a longstanding champion for communities disproportionately impacted by asthma and other chronic diseases. His leadership helped elevate the importance of addressing asthma through coordinated public health strategies that improve health outcomes and reduce barriers to care.

Thank you for your leadership and bipartisan commitment to advancing policies that improve asthma prevention, management and public health outcomes. At a time when communities across the country continue to face significant chronic disease challenges, this legislation

represents an important investment in reducing the burden of asthma and strengthening support for children and adults living with this disease.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to advance this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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