



On December 15, 2011

**Tell Congress Why An Ounce of Prevention Saves Lives & Money.
Your voice is needed to protect the
Prevention and Public Health Fund.**

A healthy nation is critical to a healthy economy. But recent proposals from the White House and Congress threaten to reduce or even eliminate funds that were created to curb chronic diseases and their extraordinary costs.

What Is At Stake?

The Prevention and Public Health Fund was created under the Affordable Care Act to promote the health of our nation, and among other goals, to help combat the \$168 billion per year obesity epidemic and change our culture of 'sick care' to one that truly promotes health and wellbeing. The Prevention Fund will enable communities throughout the nation to achieve these goals where their need is greatest – whether by increasing healthy food options in schools, creating physical activity programs or promoting comprehensive incentives for workplace wellness.

What Can You Do to Defend the Prevention Fund?

On December 15, leaders from the public health community, along with community representatives from across the country, will gather on Capitol Hill to tell Congress about the changes under way in communities across the country, thanks to the Fund, which supports new initiatives like the Community Transformation Grant program.

There are no easy solutions to the nation's budget crisis, but the Prevention Fund is critical to reducing health costs, which is an essential part of any long-term strategy to reduce the deficit.

Please join us to tell Congress about the important work happening in your community and the change still needed across the country to get and keep Americans healthy!

**To Participate, RSVP to Chris Fox at
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Can't be in DC on the 15th? No problem, stay tuned for additional details on how to be involved in this important effort!