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The Honorable Fred Upton
Chairman
House Energy & Commerce Committee
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone
Ranking Member
House Energy & Commerce Committee
2322A Rayburn House Office Building
Washington DC 20515

Dear Chairman Upton and Ranking Member Pallone:

On behalf of the American Association of Diabetes Educators (AADE) we are writing to voice our opposition to the language repealing the Prevention and Public Health Fund (the "Fund") in H.R. 4725. **We urge you to strike the repeal of the Fund** – which would eliminate \$15.5 billion in future funding (FY16-FY25) for critical public health and prevention activities.

As you may know, the Fund, which is allocated by the Appropriations Committee, is the sole dedicated funding source for preventing chronic diseases in the country

Our members, and your constituents, play a critical role in the successful planning and implementation of a variety of diabetes programs receiving support from the Fund. These efforts ensure that millions of Americans have the information and education that they need in order to make healthy choices for themselves and their families. In 2014, monies appropriated from the Fund enabled state health departments to collaborate with land grant universities in counties with obesity rates above 40 percent on evidence-based strategies to reduce chronic diseases, including diabetes and heart disease.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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