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Support President's request for the **Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act**

Explanation: Perkins provides the principal source of federal support for program improvement and helps to strengthen the integration of academic, career and technical education (CTE) at secondary and postsecondary institutions. Debt reduction is of the utmost importance, but continued reductions to Perkins would affect millions of CTE students, the business community that relies on a qualified workforce, and the future competitiveness of this country.

\$75 million for the **Carol M. White Physical Education Program**

Explanation: This program provides much-needed resources for schools and community organizations to improve physical fitness and provide quality physical education for our nation's youth. As local budgets are challenged this program helps schools meet the demand for quality physical education.

\$966 million for **CDC HIV prevention and surveillance activities**

Explanation: Despite the 30 years of combating HIV in the United States, still there are 50,000 new infections annually. The key to reducing new infections is early detection, linkage and retention to care, and adherence to treatment. Adequate resources are necessary to increase HIV testing, targeted interventions, and public education campaigns, and funding for surveillance is needed to track new infections and collect CD4 and viral load reporting.

\$186 million for the **Center for Substance Abuse Prevention**

Explanation: This amount will ensure adequate funding for the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grants/Partnerships for Success program, which helps states adopt evidence-based, public health approaches to substance abuse prevention, a promising approach to preventing the onset and reducing the progression of substance abuse.

\$400 million for the **Center for Substance Abuse Treatment**

Explanation: CSAT is the lead federal agency responsible for substance abuse treatment and provides national leadership in the development of policies, programs, strategies, and services to treat drug and alcohol abuse. CSAT provides grant funding to states for substance abuse treatment programs in addition to providing technical assistance and training.

\$317.5 million for **CHGME**

Explanation: CHGME is a critical investment in our country's medical future and helps to ensure that children will have continued access to the care they need across provider settings. Independent children's hospitals have an indispensable role in the

children's health and the pediatric workforce, training 49% of all pediatric residents, including 45% of general pediatric residents and 51% of pediatric specialty fellows.

\$5.25 billion for Child Care and Development Block Grant

Explanation: The CCD Block Grant provides essential funds to enable low-income parents to work or participate in educational or training programs they need to work. The program also funds much-needed child care quality and availability.

Maintain funding for Community Health Centers

Explanation: Community health centers provide cost-effective, high-quality primary and preventive care to millions of low-income Americans who would otherwise not have access to primary care. These centers also generate \$24 billion in annual savings to the health care system, due in large part to their success in reducing the need for patients to seek care in costlier health care settings like emergency rooms and hospitals. Continued funding for community health centers will help provide much-needed care to the increased number of patients in the health care market while saving our health care system billions.

\$712 million for Community Services Block Grants

Explanation: The Community Services Block Grants provide funding for Community Action Agencies (CAAs) and other programs that seek to address poverty at the community level. CSBG funds are given by states and other jurisdictions to CAAs to be spent on employment, education, income management, housing, nutrition, emergency services, and health. In Chicago, Community Services Block Grants help fund local support services and should be restored to \$712 million pre-sequester levels.

\$6 million for the DELTA Prevention Program

Explanation: DELTA is one of the only sources of funding for domestic violence prevention work. The program supports statewide projects that integrate primary prevention principles and practices into local coordinated community responses to address and reduce the incidence of domestic violence.

\$50 million for the Division of Adolescent and School Health HIV/STD Prevention Education

Explanation: While young people aged 15–24 make up only one-quarter of the sexually active population, they contract about half of the 19 million STDs annually. Additional funding will allow the expansion of the program to a national program providing school-based technical assistance across the entire country for the development and implementation of innovative, cost effective, and evidence-based prevention programming for at-risk youth.

\$140 million for the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act

Explanation: The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) program is the only federal funding source dedicated to domestic violence shelters and programs, and it supports lifesaving services including emergency shelters, crisis hotlines,

counseling and programs for underserved communities throughout the United States and territories.

\$10 million for gun violence research through the CDC

Explanation: Allowing the CDC to conduct research on gun violence will help researchers better understand one of the leading causes of injury-related deaths in the country. In Chicago, there is an epidemic of gun violence, and it is crucial to conduct further research on ways to combat this serious problem.

\$9 billion for Head Start

Explanation: Head Start is the most successful, longest-running, national school readiness program in the United States. It provides comprehensive education, health, nutrition, and parent involvement services to low-income children and their families. Head Start has sustained significant cuts in recent years, and without adequate funding we will see an increase in the number of children and families unable to access the care they need.

\$126 million for the Healthy Start Program

Explanation: Families served by the federal Community-based Doula Program are low-income and at risk for poor health outcomes. More than 40% experienced at least one health condition associated with adverse pregnancy and birth outcomes, yet with the support of a community-based doula, these mothers access prenatal and postpartum care and social support at a critical time in the development of their families.

\$3.6 billion for HIV research within NIH

Explanation: If the United States is to remain the global leader in HIV/AIDS research for better drug therapies, evidence-based behavioral and biomedical prevention interventions, and vaccines, we must invest adequate resources in the NIH. To date, AIDS research has contributed to research for effective treatments for other diseases, including cancers and Alzheimer's disease.

Support the President's Request for IDEA

Explanation: IDEA serves infants and toddlers through age 2 with developmental delays or physical or mental conditions with high probabilities of resulting in developmental delays. Continued funding for IDEA is essential to ensure early interventions services for infants and toddlers with disabilities.

\$74 million for International Education and Foreign Language Programs

Explanation: The Department of Education funds important international and foreign language research and outreach through the Title VI international and foreign language education programs. These programs provide students with important international and foreign language skills and help to improve the academic teaching of the business curriculum and conduct outreach activities that expand the capacity of the business community to engage in international economic activities.

\$1.85 billion for the **Jobs Corps**

Explanation: Job Corps is the nation's most successful federal intervention that provides academic remediation and career preparation services to high school dropouts, homeless and foster care youth, and other young adults. For almost 50 years, Job Corps has been a high-performing program that routinely engages and partners with local elected leaders, nonprofit organizations, civic and faith-based groups, community colleges and businesses to create jobs, educate and train youth and invest dollars in the local community.

\$5.1 billion for the **Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program**

Explanation: LIHEAP is the main federal program that helps low-income households, veterans, and seniors with their energy bills, providing vital and temporary assistance during both the cold winter and hot summer months. This funding remains a lifeline to millions of Americans and helps to ensure that people do not have to choose between paying their energy bills and paying for food or medicine.

\$610 million for the **Minority AIDS Initiative**

Explanation: Racial and ethnic minorities are severely and disproportionately impacted by the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the United States. The Minority AIDS Initiative aims to close these disparities by providing funds to community-based organizations and health care providers to improve their capacity to deliver culturally and linguistically appropriate care and services.

\$4.5 million for the **National Domestic Violence Hotline**

Explanation: For the past 15 years the Hotline has provided 24-hour, toll-free and confidential services, immediately connecting callers to local service providers.

\$32 billion for the **National Institutes of Health**

Explanation: NIH is the world's preeminent medical research institution and our best hope for finding cures, improving treatments, and gaining a better understanding of the complex causes of diseases that affect millions of Americans. In addition to improving health outcomes, NIH creates high-quality jobs and spurs economic growth. In order to remain the world's leader in scientific discovery, we must maintain robust funding for NIH.

\$25 million for the **National Violent Death Reporting System**

Explanation: NVDRS is a public health surveillance program that links data from death certificates, medical examiner/coroner reports, and police records to provide a more detailed and richer understanding of the circumstances that lead to violent deaths. NVDRS data allows state public health officials to develop targeted violent death prevention programs for the populations most at need. Due to limited funding, NVDRS is currently operating in just 18 states.

\$20.3 million for **NIH's Science Education Partnerships Awards (SEPA) Program**

Explanation: This program is designed to improve life science literacy throughout the U.S. SEPA grants bring together biomedical and bioengineering researchers, educators, community groups, and other interested organizations in partnerships to create and disseminate programs that give K–12 students, teachers and the public a better understanding of life sciences.

\$1.4 million for the **Office of National AIDS Policy**

Explanation: \$1.4 million is needed in order to continue to implement the National HIV/AIDS Strategy and to better coordinate the many federal partners involved in domestic HIV programs.

Support the President’s Request for the **Office of Refugee Resettlement**

Explanation: The number of unaccompanied alien children in ORR custody is expected to be upwards of 50,000 in FY2014, compared to approximately 24,000 in FY2013. If ORR is unable to secure more funding, we fear that ORR will have no choice but to cut funding from programs supporting refugees and victims of torture and human trafficking, hampering the road to self-sufficiency and integration. These cuts would also put the assistance that welcoming states, counties, and cities rely on at risk.

\$36.1 billion for **Pell Grants**

Explanation: Pell Grants assist in making higher education more affordable for more than 9.7 million low and moderate income students. This critical funding serves as a pathway to college for those who might have thought a higher education was unattainable.

\$100 million for the **Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant**, with \$7 million rape set-aside protected

Explanation: The Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant, administered by the CDC allows states, territories, and tribes to address their unique public health needs and challenges with innovative and community-driven methods. The Public Health Service Act of 2010 included a guaranteed \$7 million minimum set-aside to support direct services to victims of sexual assault and to prevent rape. Rape crisis centers depend on this flexible source of funding to provide direct services, operate hotlines, and offer prevention programs.

Maintain current funding for the **Prevention and Public Health Fund**

Explanation: Continued funding for the Prevention and Public Health Fund is essential to provide expanded and sustained national investments in prevention and public health, to improve health outcomes, and to enhance health care quality.

Support President’s request for **programs authorized by the Traumatic Brain Injury Act**

Explanation: Known as the “silent epidemic,” TBI was dubbed the signature injury of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Meanwhile, incidences continue to increase among our nation’s civilian population. Increased funding of the program will provide resources necessary to sustain and expand state service delivery, to expand

the use of the grant funds to pay for such services, systems coordination, and other services identified by the state.

\$300 million for **Race to the Top**

Explanation: Race to the Top funds have spurred ground-breaking innovations in schools around the country, leading to significant improvements in test scores, teaching training, and overall educational outcomes. Continued funding is essential to continue to encourage reform and improvements in schools around the nation.

\$40 million for the **Rape Prevention and Education formula grants**

Explanation: RPE formula grants, administered by the CDC, provide essential funding to states and territories to support rape prevention and education programs conducted by rape crisis centers, state sexual assault coalitions, and other public and private nonprofit entities.

\$2.44 billion for the **Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program**

Explanation: The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program provides medical care, drug treatment, and support services to approximately 546,000 low-income, uninsured, and underinsured individuals with HIV/AIDS. Continued Ryan White funding is essential, because even with these critical services, only 37% of people living with HIV in the US are retained in HIV care, and only 25% are virally suppressed, meaning the need for testing and treatment is far from being met.

\$1.84 billion for **Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant**

Explanation: The Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block grant provides formula-based funding to states to support the provision of substance abuse treatment services. The 20% set-aside in the SAPT Block Grant is the largest funding source dedicated exclusively to addressing substance abuse prevention in every state and territory. These funds constitute the bulk of the publicly-funded substance abuse treatment and prevention system in the country.

\$130 million for the **Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative**

Explanation: We need to strategically fund programs that provide all youth with the information and skills they need to make responsible decisions, delay sex, and prevent HIV, STDs, and unintended pregnancy when they do become sexually active.

\$39.67 million for the **three programs that comprise the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Youth Suicide Prevention Programs**

Explanation: Suicide is the third leading cause of death among Americans between the ages of 15-24. The funds provided through these programs will help reduce suicide rates by providing technical assistance to awardees, helping states develop and implement statewide youth suicide intervention and prevention strategies. It will also help raise awareness and educate people about mental illness, the risk of suicide, and treatment options.

\$142 million for **Title II i3 Grants**

Explanation: This program provides competitive grants to applicants with a record of improving student achievement to expand the implementation of and investment in innovative practices that are demonstrated to improve student achievement or growth, closing achievement gaps, decreasing dropout rates, increasing high school graduation rates, or increasing college enrollment and completion rates.

\$534 million for **Title II School Improvement Grants**

Explanation: School Improvement Grants provide much-needed funds to State education agencies which make competitive sub-grants to local educational agencies that demonstrate the greatest need for the funds and the strongest commitment to use the funds to substantially raise the achievement of students in their lowest-performing schools.

\$2.5 billion for **Title II Teacher Quality Grants**

Explanation: Teacher Quality Grants provide essential funds to recruit, prepare, license, train, and provide on-going education to our nation's educators in order to ensure we have the highest-quality teaching workforce.

\$327 million for **Title X family planning program**

Explanation: Title X is the only federal program dedicated to providing family planning services to millions of patients. For millions of men and women, safety net health providers are their only source of access to care including preventive care, cancer screenings, testing for infectious diseases, and domestic violence counseling. Title X has been repeatedly cut, resulting in thousands of patients losing access to care. Services provided at Title X-supported centers saved federal and state governments \$3.4 billion in just one year, with every \$1 invested in publicly funded family planning programs saving nearly \$4 in Medicaid costs.

\$2 billion for **Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training Programs**

Explanation: The \$2 billion invested over four years through the TAACCCT program has helped transform Community Colleges, ensuring that skills training and workforce development classes are directly relevant to industry needs and job openings.

Support President's request for **Veterans' Employment and Training Service**

Explanation: VETS is dedicated to improving the employment situation of our nation's veterans. The Service provides employment assistance to veterans, helps employers find qualified veterans to fill their open jobs, offers grants related to the reintegration, transition, and training of veterans, and ensures that veterans are aware of their employment rights.

\$2.3 million for the **Violence Against Women Health Initiative**

Explanation: This program provides funding to eight states to develop a public health response to abuse by strengthening the health care system's identification, assessment, and response to victims and by educating health care providers.

\$769 million for **WIA's Adult Employment and Training**

Explanation: Some populations, including veterans, at-risk youth, individuals with disabilities, homeless individuals, TANF recipients, ex-offenders, refugees, and immigrants, face increased barriers and challenges to employment. These populations require additional resources from the workforce system, including supportive services and case management, in order to connect to permanent employment.

\$1 billion for **WIA's Dislocated Worker Employment and Training Activities**

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\$824 million for **WIA's Youth Activities**

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\$4,894,660,000 for the **Workforce Investment Act, Title I**

Explanation: Through education and job training, WIA helps Americans learn the skills they need to find employment or achieve greater education levels. Title I of WIA funds employment and training programs, pilot programs, and six nationwide programs. WIA funds programs important to bringing citizens into the work force, including programs like Job Corps and others geared toward preparing disadvantaged youth, Native Americans, and migrant and seasonal farm workers for employment.