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**FR: ATS Government Relations**  
**RE: FY06 Tuberculosis Programs – CDC Action Alert**  
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**Action Requested**

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- Contact the House and Senate Appropriations full Committee, and the Labor, Health and Human Services (LHHS) subcommittee to discuss the need and importance of continued increases in funding for TB control and elimination programs. Please urge Congress to support an appropriation that adequately reflects the public health needs of the country and provide at least \$8.65 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the fiscal year 2006 (FY06) LHHS appropriations.

Specifically for TB, encourage Congress to allocate \$215 million for the TB control and elimination programs within the CDC.

*If you need assistance in identifying members of the Appropriations committee, go to <http://appropriations.senate.gov> for the Senate and <http://appropriations.house.gov> for the House.*

- Contact your individual member of congress to ask for support for increases in TB funding within the CDC.
- Visit your member of congress in the district or in D.C. to talk about the TB control program in your state and how additional funding will maintain successes of your current TB control program and help achieve future goals.

**Deadline**

To be most effective, please contact your member of congress and members of the appropriations committee as soon as possible but no later than June 15.

**Background**

Last month Congress passed a FY06 budget resolution that mirrored the president's FY06 budget proposal. It provides a 12% decrease for CDC. Now, Congress has begun work on the FY06 appropriations bills, including the FY06 LHHS, which houses the CDC.

To ensure that tuberculosis control programs within the CDC receive funding increases, Congress needs to hear from you the need and importance of continued increases in funding for tuberculosis control and elimination programs.