PAA/APC’s Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Priorities

Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Subcommittee

**National Institutes of Health (NIH)** » **Support the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research recommendation of “at least” $32 billion.** PAA and APC support this request, which is $700 million above the Administration’s request ($31.3 billion). Sustained growth in the NIH budget is necessary to support ongoing behavioral, social, & biomedical research at over 3,000 U.S. institutions. Funding is also critical to sustaining NIH-funded longitudinal surveys, databases, & population research centers, all of which develop scientific research to help save lives & train the next generation of scientists.

**National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)** » **Support Friends of NCHS and Administration’s requests of $172 million.** This request is $5 million increase above the FY 2015 funding level. This funding increase is necessary to support ongoing implementation of electronic death records nationwide to provide faster, better vital statistics. This request also includes an additional $12 million from the Prevention & Public Health Fund to support health survey innovations.

**Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)** » **Support the Friends of BLS and Administration’s request of $632.7 million, an increase of $41 million above the FY 2015 funding level.** This funding is necessary to sustain existing surveys, such as the National Longitudinal Surveys program, conduct a supplement to the Current Population Survey & enhance the Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey.

**Commerce, Science, Justice Appropriations Subcommittee**

**Census Bureau** » **Support the Administration’s request of $1.5 billion.** This proposed increase of $413 million over the FY 2015 funding level is necessary to move Census 2020 out of the research & testing phases & to initiate design decisions, including reengineered field operations & Internet data collection activities that could save taxpayers $5 billion over the lifecycle of the next decennial census. Request also includes an additional $15 million to sustain & improve the American Community Survey.

**National Science Foundation (NSF)** » **Support the Coalition for National Science Funding and Administration’s requests of $7.7 billion, a $379 million increase above the FY 2015 funding level.** The request includes a $292 million to support fundamental science funded by the NSF Social, Behavioral & Economic Directorate & $58 million to support a new initiative on resiliency in natural & manmade disasters.

**Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)** » **Support the Administration’s request of $110 million, an increase of $14 million above the FY 2015 funding level.** The BEA seeks increased funds to fund new initiatives to improve energy accounting and economic statistics & to expand & improve data used to inform trade negotiations & support trade promotion efforts.

**State and Foreign Operations Appropriations Subcommittee**

**United States Agency for International Development (USAID)** » **Support adequate funding for bilateral and multilateral family planning and reproductive health (FP/RH) account.** Support sufficient funding to support agency’s research evaluation activities, especially the Demographic and Health Surveys program.

To ensure strong federal statistical and scientific infrastructure that supports the population sciences, PAA and APC join NDD United in urging Congress and the Administration to protect funding for nondefense discretionary programs, end sequestration, and pursue a balanced approach to deficit reduction.