

July 2016: House and Senate FY 2017 Appropriations Bills

On July 13, the House Appropriations Committee approved their FY2017 Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill. The bill would fund the Section 317 Program at \$560 million, which is what the Administration requested. This is a \$50 million cut from FY 2016. Read the report language [here](#).

The Senate Appropriations Committee approved their FY2017 Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill on June 9, which would fully fund the Section 317 Program at \$610 million, restoring the cut proposed by the Administration. Read the report, including the cost estimate and report language, [here](#).

As the House and Senate go into conference this fall, the 317 Coalition will work to advocate for full funding for the program at \$610 million.

Dear Colleague Letter

In addition to [proposed report language](#) from February of 2016, the 317 Coalition has mounted an aggressive campaign to support robust funding for the CDC immunization program. It works with Senate champions, led by Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI), to circulate a dear colleague letter that calls for the Coalition's requested funding level of \$650 million in FY 2017.

Thank you to the eighteen senators who signed our [Dear Colleague letter](#), especially Senator Reed for leading the effort. The letter, sent yearly to the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies subcommittee on Appropriations, advocates funding the 317 Program at \$650 million.