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Dear Members of Congress,

The American School Health Association and four national organizations are writing to jointly **express our concern about proposed cuts to adolescent and school health** especially those related to data collection and school health programming. The American School Health Association (ASHA) and its partners are committed to ensuring that every student has the opportunity to learn and thrive in a healthy school environment. A critical component of this work is the availability of robust national data that helps us understand and address the health needs of our students. These national data sources are indispensable. They serve as an early warning system, allowing us to identify emerging student health issues, monitor trends at local, state, and national levels, and effectively allocate resources. These data are fundamental to making informed decisions about curricula, policies, and school health programs. Without it, our ability to evaluate the effectiveness of our interventions and advocate for evidence-based practices is significantly hampered.

In sum, we believe that reduced funding for adolescent and school health is <u>not</u> in the best interest of students.

Thank you for all you do for students,

American School Health Association National Association of School Nurses School-Based Health Alliance School Social Work Association of America Society for Public Health Education