

Fiscal Year 2021 House Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Subcommittee [House Report #116-](#)

The Population Association of America (PAA) and Association of Population Centers (APC) is pleased that the House Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Subcommittee included the following provisions in House Report #116-___. The provisions, which were included in the report's chapter regarding the National Institutes of Health, praise population research activities at the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and National Institute on Aging. Further, the language encourages both Institutes to continue investing in the population sciences and expand related research opportunities.

PAA and APC thank **Chairwoman Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) and Ranking Member Tom Cole (R-OK)**, for their leadership and for including this language in the subcommittee's report.

Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute on Child Health and Human Development

Population Research. —*The Committee recognizes NICHD for supporting innovative population research and research training programs, longitudinal surveys, and research on the social determinants of health and on the development of low-cost data archiving, data curation, and data sharing strategies that both protect survey participants and provide unparalleled access for researchers. The Committee encourages NICHD to highlight these strategies as it works with NIH leadership to implement its data sharing and management policy. Further, the Committee urges NICHD to continue supporting large-scale data collection activities, especially prospective, population-representative longitudinal studies, and to continue its leadership in supporting research on the social determinants of health, morbidity, and mortality across the lifespan, including maternal and infant health. (page 111)*

National Institute on Aging

Population Research. —*The Committee recognizes the NIA National Advisory Council on Aging (NACA) for conducting a recent review of NIA's Division of Behavioral and Social Research. The review reinforced the value of NIA's investment in an array of population aging research activities, including large-scale, longitudinal studies such as the Health and Retirement Study, which is the nation's leading source of combined data on health and socioeconomic circumstances of Americans over age 50, and its center programs, such as the Centers on the Demography and Economics of Aging, which are conducting research on the demographic, economic, social, and health consequences of U.S. and global aging at 11 universities and organizations nationwide. The Committee urges NIA to sustain its investment in these activities in fiscal year 2021 and to consider, as the NACA review recommended, expanding research opportunities that will advance our understanding of the factors throughout the life course that contribute to the poor overall health of older people in America and the growing disparities in some parts of the country as well as the disparities between the US and other countries. (page 115)*