

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 6, 2026

The Honorable Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.
Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Secretary Kennedy,

We are writing to you to express our serious concerns about potential pauses in grant funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Rape Prevention and Education (RPE) and the Domestic Violence Prevention Enhancement and Leadership Through Alliance (DELTA) grants, which grant recipients were notified of on February 6, 2026. The RPE and DELTA grants are the only federal funds dedicated to the primary prevention of domestic and sexual based violence.

A grant recipient shared that, per a call with staff with Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) staff, all but 12 states have had their funding for these programs denied due to not following the President's Executive Order issued on August 7, 2025, "[Improving Oversight of Federal Grantmaking](#)". They shared that they were instructed by staff to make changes to their documentation in order to comply with the Executive Order and receive the funding, and were given only five days to make these "corrections".

This directive lacks necessary clarity and threatens to create economic instability for recipients that rely on this funding. These critical programs are evidence based, successful, and require this funding from the CDC to help local grantees implement their work.

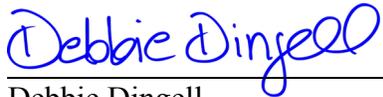
These vital, often life-saving programs need adequate resources to serve our communities. Domestic and sexual violence can happen to anyone, anywhere, at any time and it is critical we have programs in place to not only respond to violence after it happens, but also to get to the root of the problem and learn how to prevent it from occurring at all. Investment in prevention of domestic and sexual violence bolsters the health and safety of our communities. Continued interruptions to these grant programs will undermine our nation's public health response to domestic and sexual violence.

At your earliest convenience, we ask that you:

1. Immediately provide clarity on the status of this grant funding and explain how you will ensure that these programs continue to operate effectively.
2. Connect us with the appropriate official(s) who is currently making decisions regarding both RPE and DELTA grants.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Debbie Dingell
Member of Congress



Gwen S. Moore
Member of Congress



Judy Chu
Member of Congress