

# Chris Dodd

U.S. SENATOR FROM CONNECTICUT



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## **DODD FIGHTS TO RESTORE FUNDING FOR CONNECTICUT IN RYAN WHITE CARE ACT**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Senator Chris Dodd (D-CT) secured provisions that will protect and restore funding for the State of Connecticut and the cities of Hartford and New Haven for HIV/AIDS care as part of the Ryan White CARE Act, which was reauthorized by the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Dodd is a co-author of the legislation considered by the Committee today.

“HIV/AIDS is a disease that touches the lives of thousands of individuals and families in Connecticut,” said Dodd. “Connecticut ranks third in the nation in AIDS cases among women and Latinos, and over the past 10 years, the number of people living with HIV/AIDS in Connecticut has nearly doubled.”

“For the entire state of Connecticut, and particularly for the cities of Hartford and New Haven, the funding protections delivered through the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act will help restore funding to enable them to continue providing necessary health care and support services,” Dodd continued.

In 2006, the reauthorization of the Ryan White CARE Act led to dramatic cuts in HIV/AIDS care and services for the State of Connecticut, particularly for Hartford and New Haven. State losses in funding totaled more than \$3 million annually—Hartford experienced a devastating 32 percent decrease in funding, while New Haven suffered a nearly 24 percent decrease during the same year. The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act will help restore much of the funding Connecticut had lost in previous years, ensuring that more individuals living with HIV/AIDS in the state will have access to assistance and services to help manage their disease.

Named for pediatric AIDS victim Ryan White, the CARE Act funds the largest federal program focused exclusively on HIV/AIDS care. Originally passed in 1990, the Act provides funding to cities, states, and organizations to provide direct assistance to individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS, including primary care, medications, support services, dental care, medical transportation, and many other services.

Dodd is a senior member of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions and Chairman of its Subcommittee on Children and Families.

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