Proposed No. 11-10.1

A RESOLUTION calling on the Congress and the Joint
Select Committee on Deficit Reduction to preserve funding
for the federal Prevention and Public Health Fund.

WHEREAS, among the historic provisions of the Affordable Care Act was the
recognition that our nation must begin to invest in prevention to save money and improve
health for the long-term, and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act created the Prevention and Public Health
Fund, an unprecedented investment of $16.5 billion over ten years (2011-2020) in
proven, effective programs to prevent diseases and injury, and

WHEREAS, seventy-five percent of all health care costs in our country are spent
on the treatment of chronic diseases, many of which could be prevented, and

WHEREAS, preventing disease and injury is the most effective, common sense
way to improve health, to reduce health care costs and to make the United States
economy stronger, and

WHEREAS, residents in Washington state, tribes, King County and neighboring
counties have the opportunity to directly benefit from this investment in prevention, and

WHEREAS, continuing to invest in health will not only improve health outcomes
but also improve the bottom line for businesses by lowering health care costs, reducing
absenteeism and improving productivity, and
WHEREAS, in a public opinion survey conducted by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, seventy-one percent of Americans favored an increased investment in disease prevention, and

WHEREAS, now is the time to increase, rather than decrease, our ability to adequately protect the health of all American people and all King County residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of King County:

The Board of Health calls on the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction and
Resolution 11-10

Congress to implement the Affordable Care Act provisions for national investment in the Prevention and Public Health Fund.

Resolution 11-10 was introduced on and passed by the Board of Health on 10/21/2011, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Ms. Frisinger, Mr. Hutchinson, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Dr. Nicola and Mr. McDermott
No: 0
Excused: 4 - Mr. Conlin, Mr. Licata, Ms. Clark and Dr. Danielson

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Attachments: None