A RESOLUTION calling on Congress to protect the Affordable Care Act's Prevention and Public Health Fund and its investment in the Community Transformation Grant program that enables awardees to design and implement community-level programs that prevent chronic diseases such as cancer, diabetes and heart disease.

WHEREAS, Congress recognized the important role of prevention and public health in improving the health of the American people and in long-term health care cost containment through its creation of the Affordable Care Act's Prevention and Public Health Fund, and

WHEREAS, the King County Board of Health passed a resolution in March 2011, in support of the Prevention and Public Health Fund and the investment it makes in the health of all community residents in King County and across the nation, and

WHEREAS, the Prevention and Public Health Fund is the primary and largest source of federal funding to support prevention and community health improvement, yet the stability of its appropriation is uncertain, and

WHEREAS, Prevention and Public Health Fund allocations have been awarded to the University of Washington, which received $650,000 for public health training, and also the Downtown Emergency Service Center and the Asian Counseling and Referral
Service, which received $482,000 and $496,000, respectively, for primary care and behavioral health services, and

WHEREAS, Community Transformation Grants are programs funded by the Affordable Care Act's Prevention and Public Health Fund, and

WHEREAS, Seattle Children's Hospital has been awarded a two-year Community Transformation Grant under the Small Communities Program and is partnering with the Healthy King County Coalition and Public Health - Seattle & King County to work together for community change, and

WHEREAS, the grant is a collaborative effort to change the places where we live, work, learn and play so that residents can be physically active, have access to healthy foods and drinks and live in tobacco-free environments, and

WHEREAS, the two-year grant brings together three organizations and a wide range of community partners to focus resources in communities where people do not have an equal opportunity to make choices to live a healthy life, and

WHEREAS, the intervention area for this grant includes the cities of Auburn, Burien, Des Moines, Kent, Normandy Park, Renton, SeaTac and Tukwila, and the neighborhoods of Beacon Hill, Georgetown, North Highline and South Park. That area has a combined population of over four hundred seventy-nine thousand residents, and

WHEREAS, the intervention area was defined using an index measuring poor health and inequities. These areas share similarly high burdens of chronic disease and health inequities, have culturally and racially diverse, low-income populations, and have a disproportionate prevalence, relative to the balance of the county, of chronic conditions and associated behavioral and environmental risks, and
WHEREAS, additional Community Transformation Grant awards in Washington state have been made to the Washington state Department of Health, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, Sophie Trettevick Indian Health Center managed by the Makah Tribe, Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation and Inland Northwest Health Services;

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

The Board of Health calls on Congress and the President to preserve and protect the Affordable Care Act's Prevention and Public Health Fund and its critical investments such as the Community Transformation Grant program that enables awardees to design and implement community-level programs that keep people healthy, prevent chronic
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54 diseases such as cancer, diabetes and heart disease, and prevent health care costs across
55 the nation and here in King County.
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Resolution 13-08 was introduced on and passed by the Board of Health on 7/18/2013, by the following vote:

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

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KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Joe McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:

Anne Noris, Clerk of the Board

Attachments: None