The American Mosquito Control Association suggests consideration of the following needs for effective and sustainable public health protection from Zika virus, Chikungunya virus, Dengue virus, and other emerging mosquito-borne diseases in the United States.

**APPROPRIATIONS:**

1. **Increase the Centers for Disease Control – Division of Vector-Borne Diseases annual budget for arbovirus work from its current level of about $26.8 million/year to at least $50 million/year.** Additionally, these funds should be utilized in the following manner:
   
   A. $13.75 million for state, county or municipal public health agencies or labs to help support arbovirus **testing and reporting.**
   
   B. $13.75 million for state, county, district or municipal mosquito control programs to help support mosquito control-related **work on the frontlines.**
   
   C. $22.5 million (or 45% of the total) will be kept by the CDC/DVBD to help support myriad arbovirus-related programs and activities at the federal level.

2. **Funding for support of local government mosquito abatement activities:** **At least $100,000,000:**
   
   A potential vessel for this funding is the MASH (Mosquito Abatement for Safety and Health) Act that was authorized but never funded.

3. **Funding for data collection efforts to support the vector control toolbox:** **At least $27,000,000:**
   
   A. At least $12,000,000 to bolster the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 that helps retain registrations of existing public health pesticides facing increasingly stringent data collection requirements to prove safety to humans and the environment.
   
   B. At least $15,000,000 to support the development and registration of new vector control tools effective against *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus:*

**REGULATORY REFORM - Pass HR 897/S.1500:**

Mosquito control agencies are vulnerable to activist lawsuits and substantial unnecessary compliance costs due to lack of clarification that the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) governs mosquito control product applications.

Without Congressional clarification, court rulings have mandated that mosquito control operations must be regulated by both FIFRA and the Clean Water Act (CWA). This regulatory duplication is an unnecessary waste of federal and local resources, yields no additional environmental benefit and puts mosquito districts in legal jeopardy from activist organizations.

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