



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES**

COALITION FOR SENSIBLE SAFEGUARD AND DISABILITY PREVENTION

A central role of government is to protect the health and welfare of its people. A consequence for failure of government to do so may result in population based diminished health that leads to a host of chronic health conditions and disabilities. There are growing attacks on public health protections through anti regulatory groups that are pursuing legislation to overturn rules defined by important agencies. Challenges to these regulations rely on figures from special interests that compromise rules on the books and diminish full enforcement. Efforts to deregulate may undermine standards that protect, air, water, our nation's workers and other social determinants of public health. Thus, the "Coalition for Sensible Safeguards" (CSS) has been developed to protect and advance regulatory safeguards and keep critical standards in place. Coalition members are from groups of consumers, labor, and groups involved with scientific research, good government, faith, and health and environmental communities.

Summary

There is a clear need to shape a dialogue of the benefits of federal regulations concerning population based health to bring accountability to legislative and administrative decisions. Public health advocacy should involve regulations to; articulate a perspective that overshadows anti-regulatory views. Businesses and financial markets, for the most part, do not want regulations and lawmakers may not have time to study both sides of an argument and are unlikely to verge from their own views. As a result, there is considerable misinformation communicated to the public about regulations.

Disability Prevention Issues

Efforts to deregulate may undermine standards that protect, air, water, our nation's workers and other social determinants of public health can result in diminished health and disability. Many objectives of CSS are designed to address public health issues. The morbidity and mortality rates of people in the U.S. are poor when compared to other industrialized countries. Thus, there is need for legislative and regulatory initiatives to improve population based health in America through an effective adequate regulated public health system. Effective legislation, regulation and enforcement may improve U.S. low standing, when compared to other industrialized counties, on population-based morbidity and mortality measures. Our nations health and well being can benefit when sensible effective safeguards are in place and help prevent diminished health that contribute to chronic health conditions and disability.

Activity

There is active participation among members of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities and the Coalition for Sensible Safeguards on regulatory issues.

Principle

Regulations should be based on the best available science and promulgated in a timely fashion.