

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Tom Harkin  
Chairman  
Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Labor, Health and Human Services  
and Education  
131 Dirksen Senate Offices Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jerry Moran  
Ranking Member  
Appropriations Subcommittee on  
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and Education  
156 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Harkin and Ranking Member Moran:

As you begin work on the FY 2015 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations bill, we urge you to include \$327 million for the Title X family planning program. This will allow Title X health centers to continue their important role in our health care safety net – providing family planning and preventive health services to millions of low-income American women and families.

Title X is the only federal program dedicated to providing family planning services for low-income patients. Every year, Title X provides basic primary and preventive health care services such as Pap smears, breast exams and HIV testing, to nearly five million low-income women and men at over 4,100 health centers each year. In fact, four out of ten women who receive care at a Title X-funded health center consider it to be their only source of health care, and furthermore six in ten women consider it their primary source of care.

In addition, we think it is important to recognize that it is fiscally responsible to support and strengthen this preventive health program because investing in Title X reduces health care costs in the long term. Every dollar invested in Title X saves nearly six dollars in Medicaid-related costs.

Recent cuts in funding to the Title X program have forced nearly 200 health centers to close their doors across the country, while others have reduced patient hours or limited services—all of which resulted in 440,000 less patients served. Adequately funding Title X will help family planning health centers restore and expand access to essential services and meet the needs of the millions of women and men who rely on the program as their only source of health care.

We ask that you protect this critical program and support the health needs of millions of women and men by providing at least \$327 million in FY 2015 for the Title X program. We thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator



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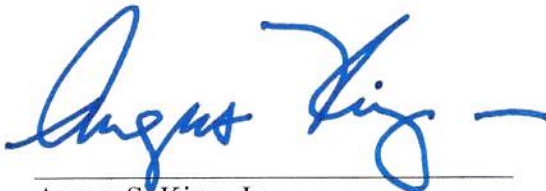
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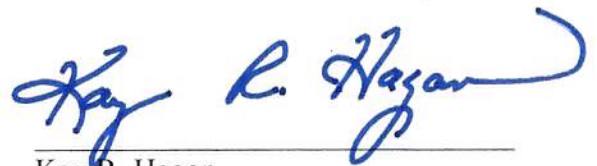
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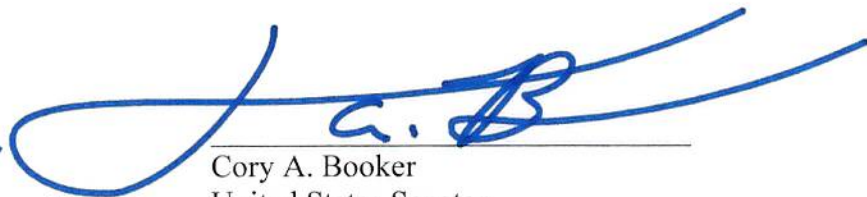
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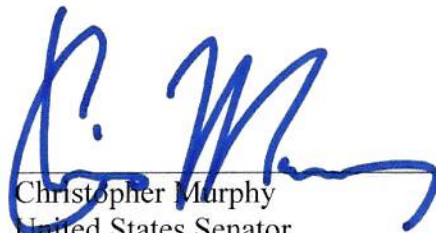
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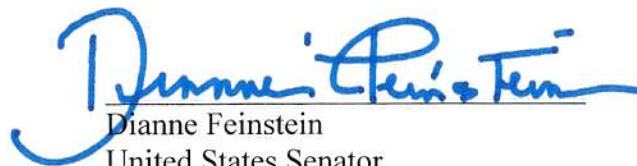
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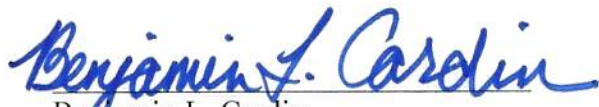
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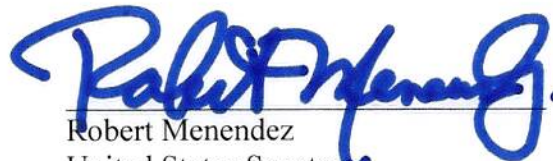
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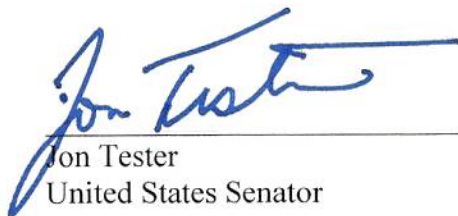
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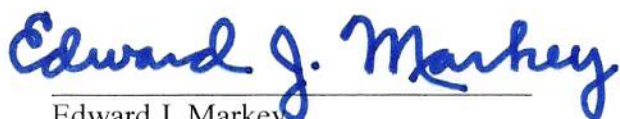
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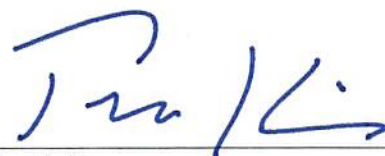
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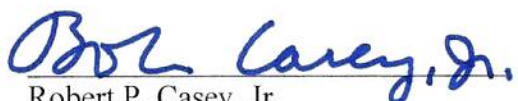
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