

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 4, 2014

The Honorable Jack Kingston
Chairman
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human
Services, Education, and Related Agencies
House Appropriations Committee
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human
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Dear Chairman Kingston and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As you work to develop the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations bill, we respectfully request that you support preventive health services by providing \$327 million for the Title X family planning program. The Title X program is a crucial part of the health care safety net, but without adequate funding, millions of women and men will lose access to life-saving health care services.

Title X is the only federal program dedicated to providing family planning services for low-income patients. Each year, the Title X program serves nearly five million women and men at over 4,100 health centers. For millions of women and men, Title X health centers are often the only source of access to preventive care, including cancer screenings, testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections, and domestic violence counseling, as well as family planning services. 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 six in ten women consider it their main source of care.

The services provided by Title X health centers act as a complement to our nation's health care system and provide an important supplement to health insurance for patients. Additionally, Title X supports the nation's health care infrastructure by enabling health centers to invest in facilities, train and retain staff, and adopt health information technology.

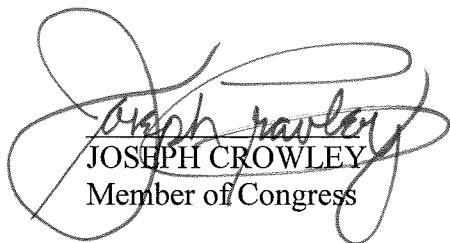
Unfortunately, the ability of Title X programs to serve these individuals has come under threat from recent funding cuts. Significant cuts to Title X, including \$24 million in cuts between FY 2011 and FY 2012, have caused nearly 200 health centers to close and 440,000 fewer patients to be served. This situation is further compounded by the nearly \$15 million cut to Title X as a result of sequestration in FY 2013. An increase in funding is desperately needed in order for Title X health centers to continue their mission of serving all patients without regard for their ability to pay.

Cuts to Title X are particularly short-sighted in light of the fact the Title X program saves billions of taxpayer dollars each year. Every dollar invested in publicly-funded family planning programs saves nearly six dollars in Medicaid costs. In just one year, services provided in Title X-supported health centers yielded \$5.3 billion of the \$10.5 billion in total savings achieved by publicly-funded family planning. That rate of return makes the Title X program a smart investment not only in improving the health of our populations, but also in reducing health care costs for the long term.

For more than 40 years, Title X has been a public health success story in providing high quality health care to our nation's most vulnerable populations. However, greater investment is needed to allow this critical component of our nation's safety net to continue its mission and record of success.

We ask that you strengthen America's only dedicated family planning program and support the health needs of millions of women and men by funding Title X at \$327 million in FY 2015. We thank you for your consideration of this request.


Sincerely,




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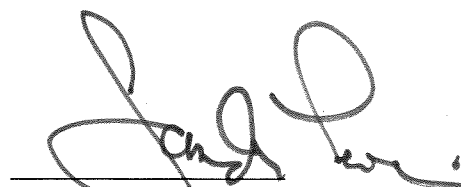
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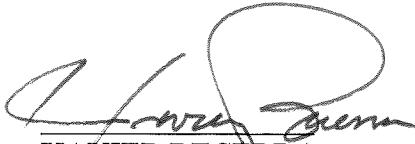
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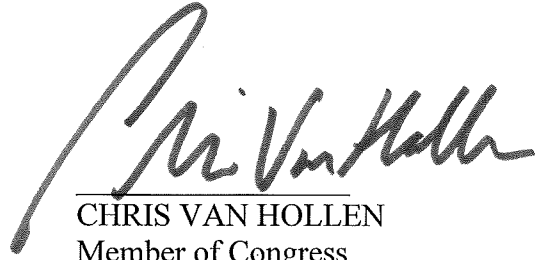
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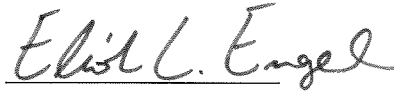
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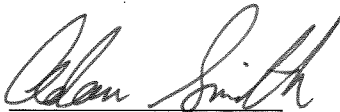
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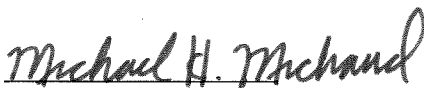
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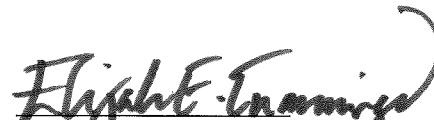



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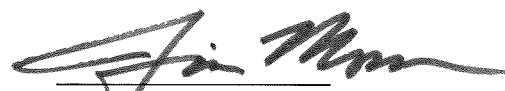

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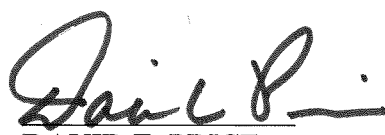

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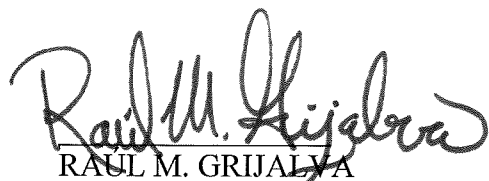

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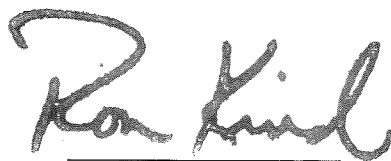
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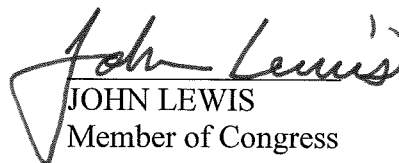
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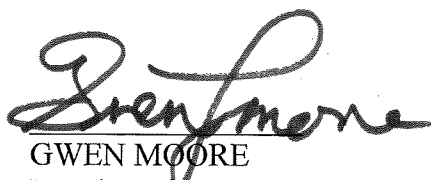
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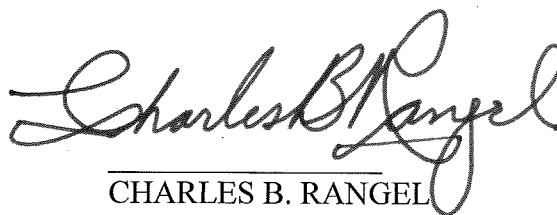
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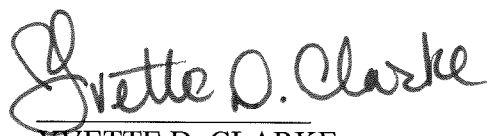
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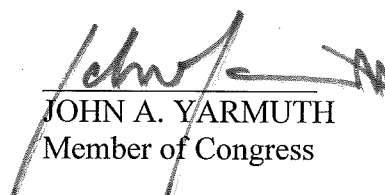
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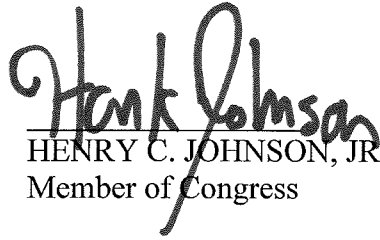
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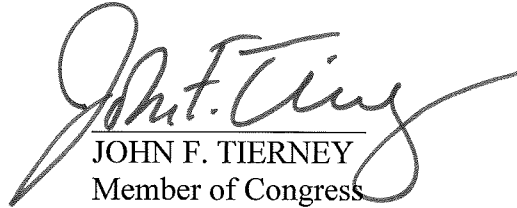
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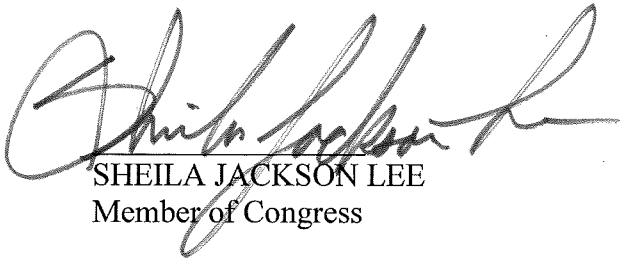
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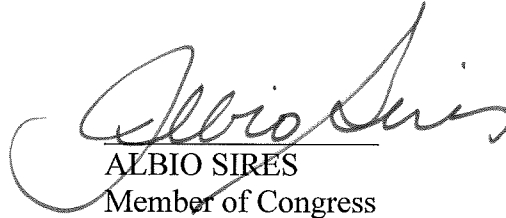
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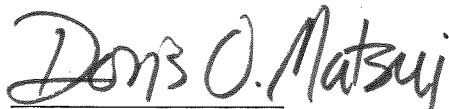
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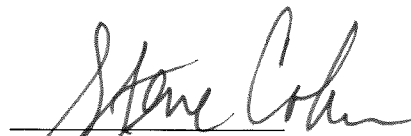
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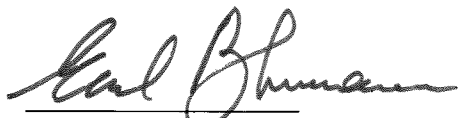
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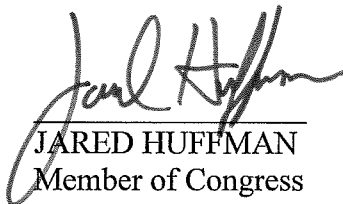
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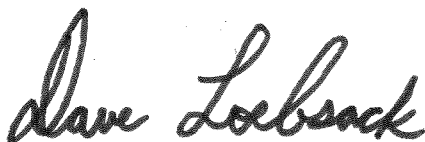
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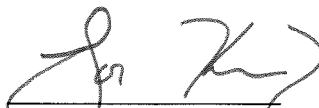
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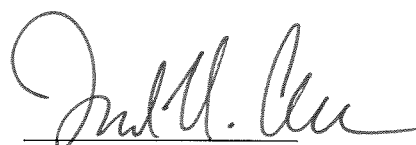


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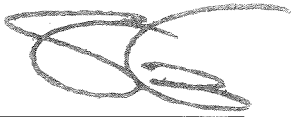

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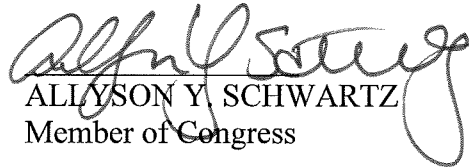
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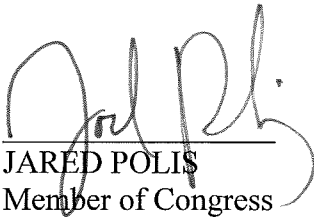
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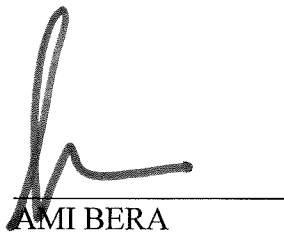
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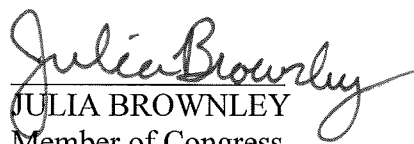
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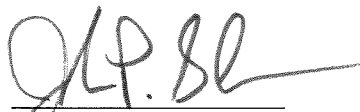
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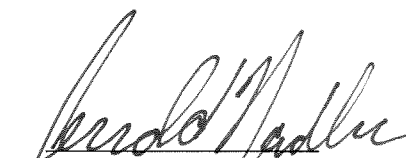

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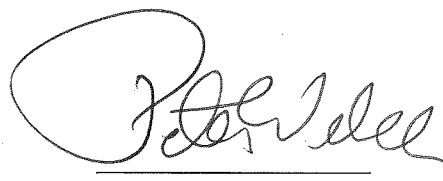

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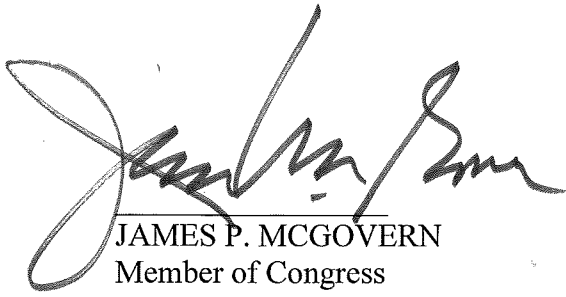

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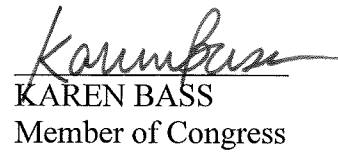

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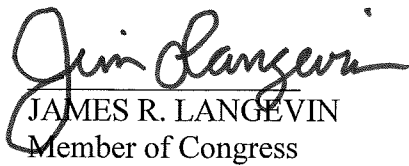

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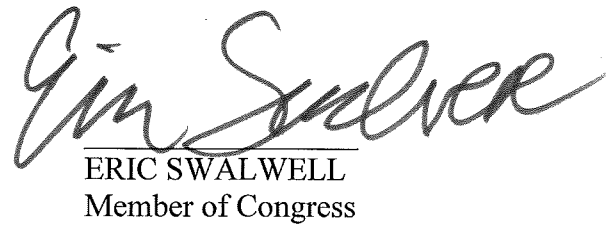
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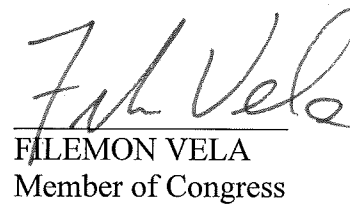
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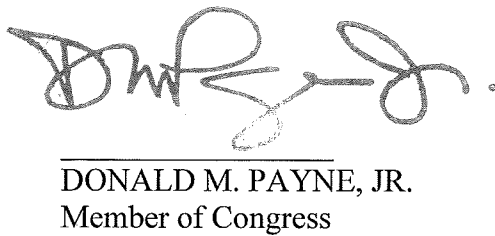
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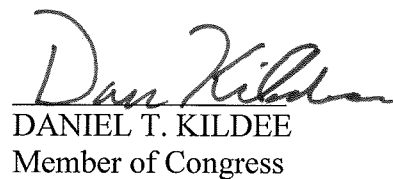
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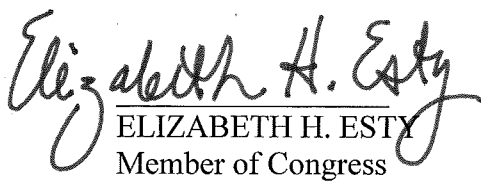
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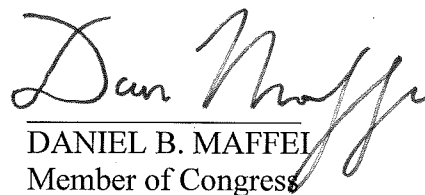
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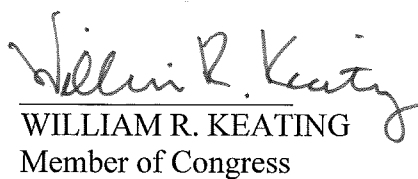
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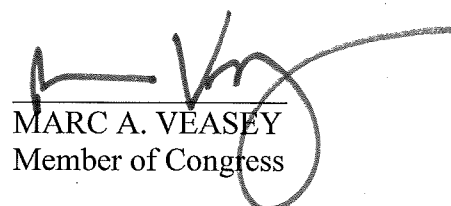
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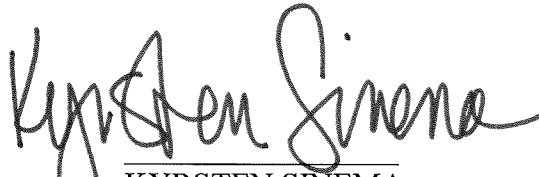

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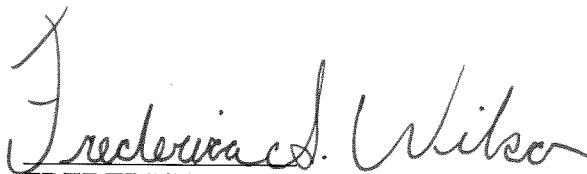

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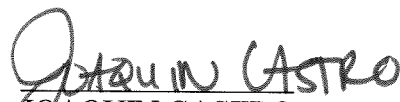

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