

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 24, 2016

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Appropriations Subcommittee on
Labor, Health and Human Services
and Education
2358-B Rayburn Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Appropriations Subcommittee on
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1016 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As you work to develop the Fiscal Year 2017 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations bill, we request that you include \$327 million for the Title X family planning program. This funding is critical to allow Title X health centers to continue providing preventive health and family planning services to millions of low-income American women and families as part of the health care safety net.

Title X is the only federal program dedicated to providing family planning services for low-income patients, but beyond that, it is the only source of any health care for nearly half of the patients it serves. Every year, Title X provides basic primary and preventive health care services, such as cancer screenings, testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections, and domestic violence counseling, in addition to family planning services, to more than 4.1 million low-income women and men at more than 4,100 health centers each year.

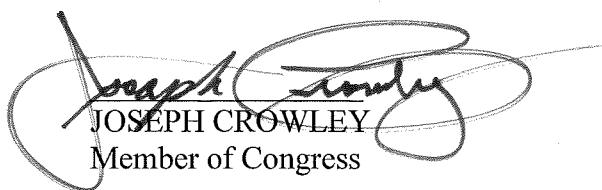
Unfortunately, these services are in serious jeopardy as a result of past cuts to the Title X program. These cuts have forced health centers to scale back hours, limit services, lay off staff, and even shutter their doors. The result is nearly 1.1 million fewer patients served by the program in just a four-year period. A greater investment in the program is seriously needed to help health centers restore and expand access to essential services, allowing them to help meet the needs of millions of women and men who rely on the program.

Title X brings more than just public health benefits – it saves billions of taxpayer dollars each year. The latest data has shown that every dollar invested in Title X saves more than seven dollars in Medicaid-related costs. Supporting and strengthening the program is a smart, fiscally responsible investment in public health.

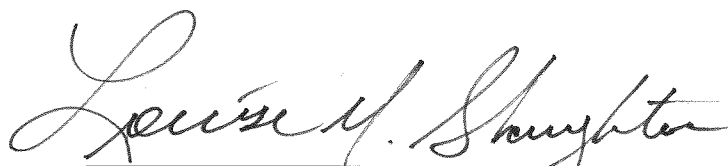
For over 45 years, Title X has been a public health success story in providing high-quality health care to our nation's most vulnerable populations. However, greater investment is needed to allow this critical component of our nation's safety net to continue its mission and deliver the health, social, and economic benefits that have made such an impact.

We ask that you protect this critical program and support the health needs of millions of women and men by providing \$327 million in FY 2017 for the Title X program. We thank you for your consideration of this request.


Sincerely,




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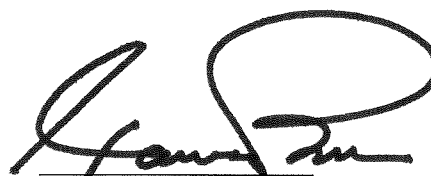
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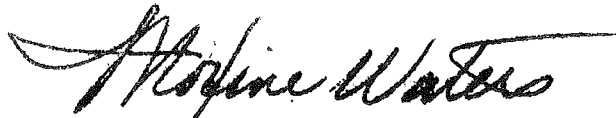
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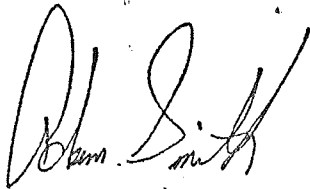
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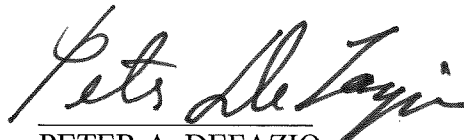
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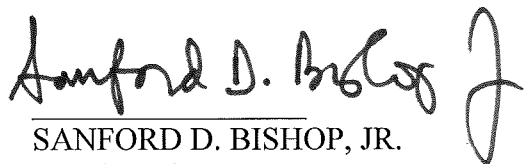
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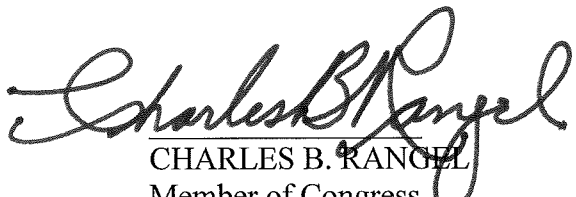
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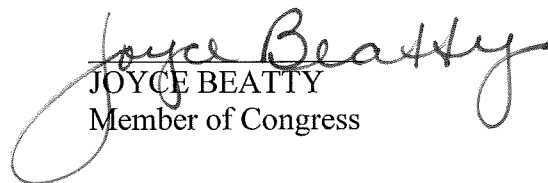

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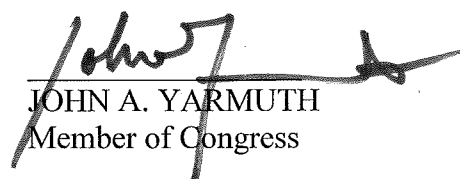

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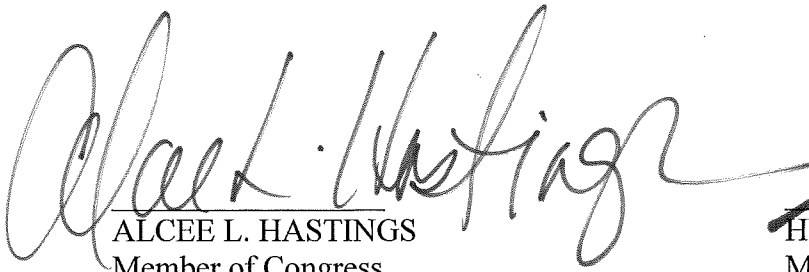

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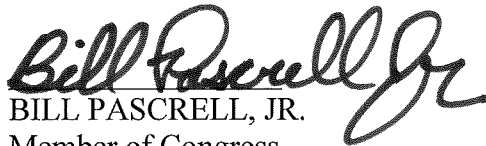
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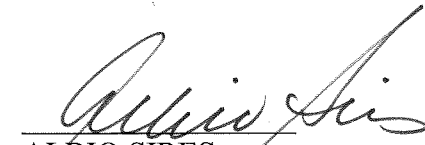
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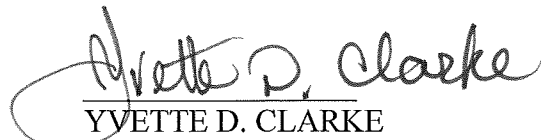


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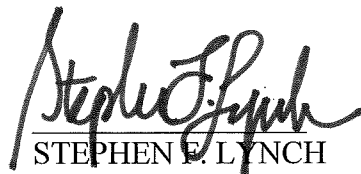

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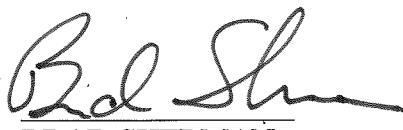

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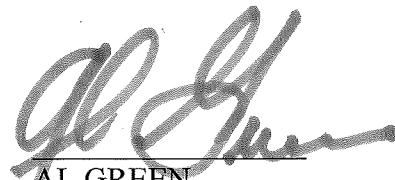

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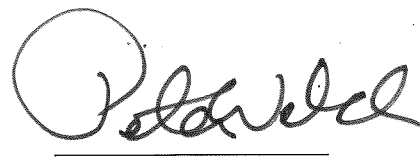

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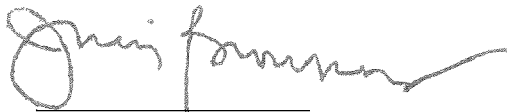

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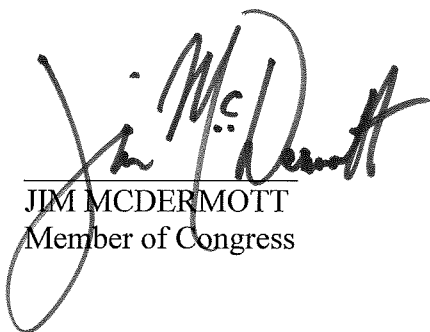
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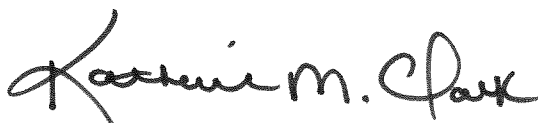
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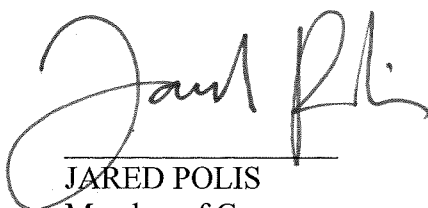
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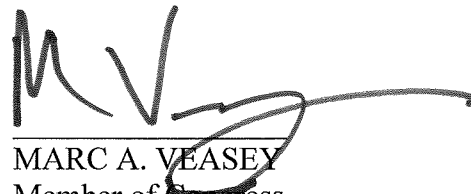
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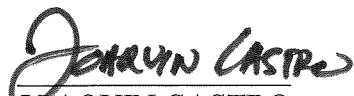
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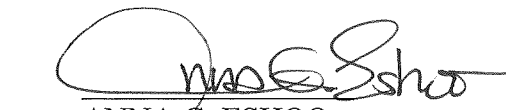
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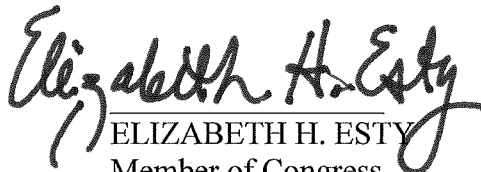
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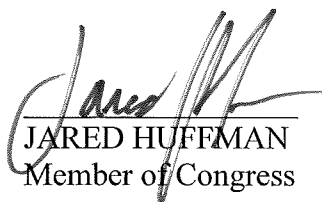
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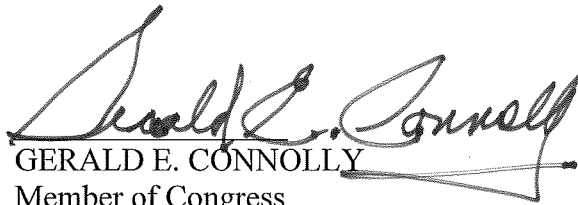
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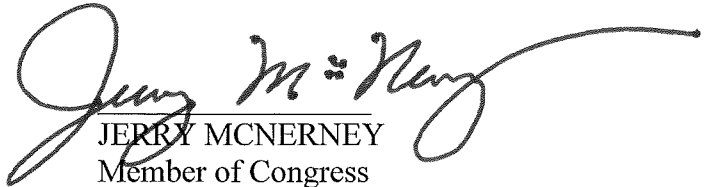
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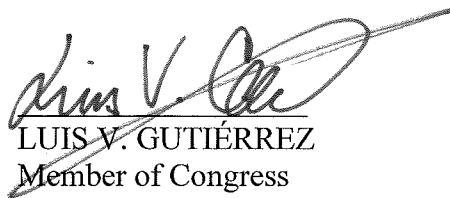
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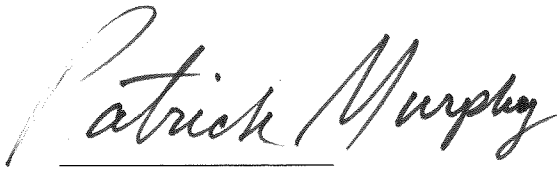
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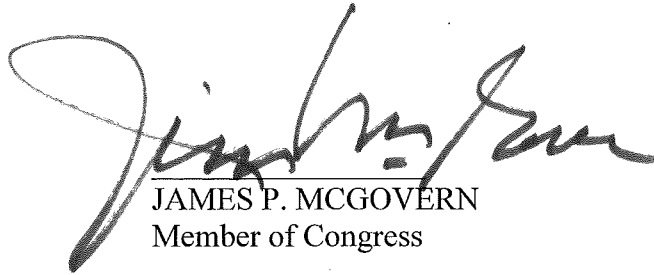
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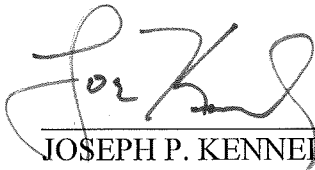
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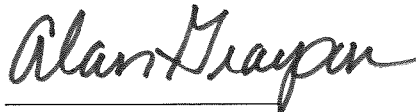
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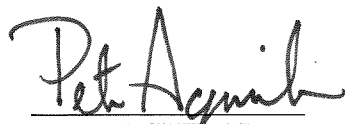
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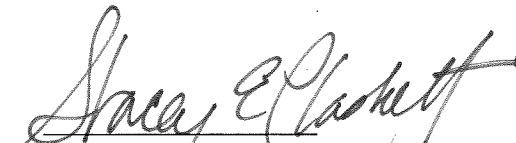
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