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The Honorable Robert Aderholt
Chair, House Appropriations
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and
Human Services, Education and Related
Agencies
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member, House Appropriations
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Dear Chairman Aderholt and Ranking Member DeLauro:

We thank the Subcommittee for your continued support and recognition of Community Health Centers as a longstanding, bipartisan solution to keeping Americans healthy and saving taxpayer dollars. **As you proceed with the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Appropriations process, we respectfully request that the Subcommittee provide robust funding for Community Health Centers (CHCs) within the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies legislation for FY27.** This will ensure CHCs remain providers of high-quality, cost-effective comprehensive primary care to millions of people living in rural areas and underserved communities nationwide.

Since the first health centers opened their doors nearly sixty years ago, they have proven to be an excellent investment, providing access to primary and preventive care, dental, mental health, substance use disorder, pharmacy, vision, and complementary services to every American. Today, thanks to persistent support from Congress, there are 1,512 CHCs delivering care at over 17,000 locations in every state and territory, including through over 1,200 mobile vans. According to a longitudinal study of multi-year patient records, CHCs serve 52 million patients nationally or nearly one in seven Americans [Weitzman Institute, 2025]. In 2024, health centers cared for ten million rural residents (1 in 3 rural Americans), nine million children, nearly four million seniors, and 430,000 veterans.

Each year, health centers save the overall health system billions by reducing the burden of chronic disease through prevention and early intervention. Health center patients of working age (18-64) are 35% more likely to have a chronic condition, and 31% more likely to have two or more chronic conditions compared to patients seeing private practice providers. Despite the complexities of their patient population, health centers consistently achieve positive health outcomes for the people they serve, surpassing national quality benchmarks.

Furthermore, health centers support over 800,000 jobs and generate more than \$261 billion in economic activity in our communities. The Congressional Budget Office has confirmed that investing in health centers would directly lower long-term spending by Medicare and Medicaid through decreasing preventable emergency department visits, hospital admission, and invasive procedures. A commitment to health center funding will allow more of our constituents to access health centers' cost-effective model of care and increase efficiency in government programs.

Congress funds health centers through both the annual appropriations process and with multi-year funding through the Community Health Center Fund. Health centers are proud to have sustained strong bipartisan support among Members of Congress for six decades. With their multi-year funding set to expire on December 31st, 2026, we urge you to minimize uncertainty on the discretionary side by providing robust appropriations in

FY27. Your leadership will help health centers meet the growing demand for preventative and primary care that saves lives and taxpayer dollars.

Robust funding will also enable local solutions to primary care workforce shortages impacting our communities. Health centers are growing their mission-driven workforce through partnerships with high schools and community colleges to expand apprenticeship opportunities, preceptorship training, and career laddering programs. Your committee's support for health centers will help alleviate primary care workforce shortages and improve economic opportunities in rural and underserved areas nationwide.

As Congress works to improve access to preventative care, reduce long-term spending, and promote more patient-driven solutions to chronic disease challenges, we urge the Subcommittee to continue robust support for Community Health Centers in recognition of their demonstrated record of success at improving health outcomes and reducing long-term health care costs. Thank you for your continued leadership.

Sincerely,



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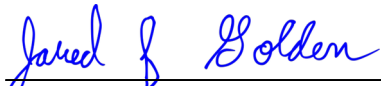
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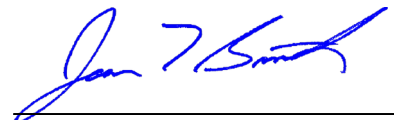
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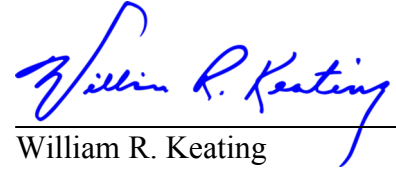
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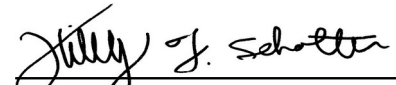
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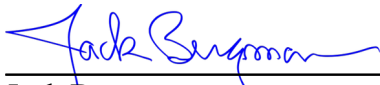
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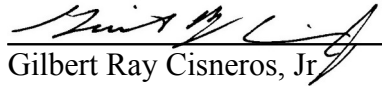
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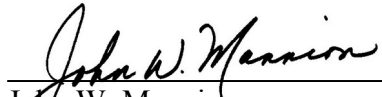
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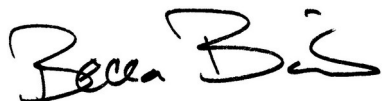
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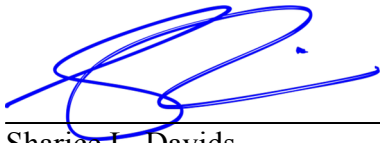
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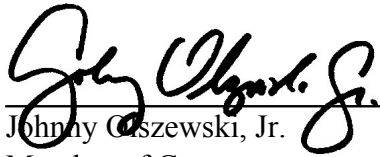
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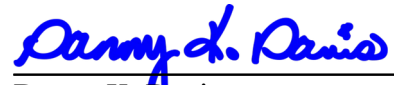
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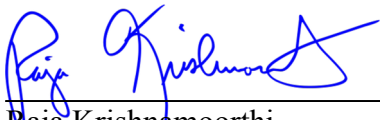
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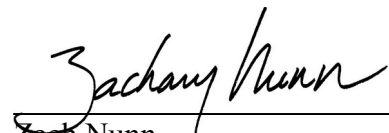
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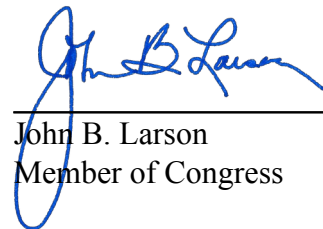
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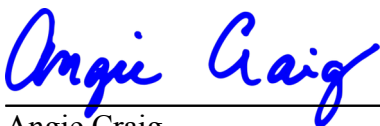
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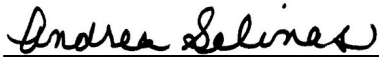
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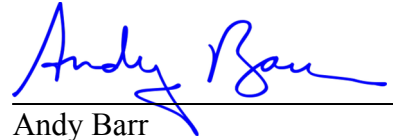
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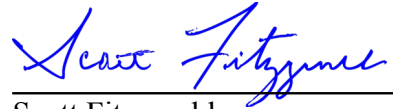
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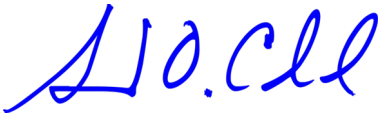
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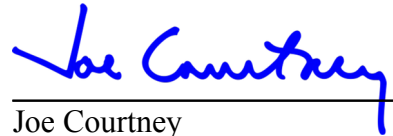
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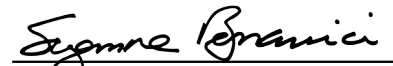
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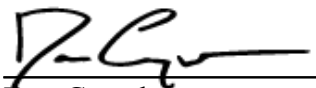
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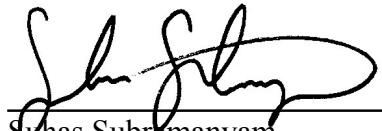
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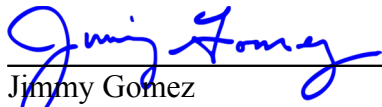
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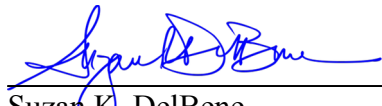
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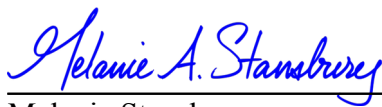
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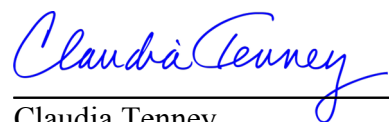
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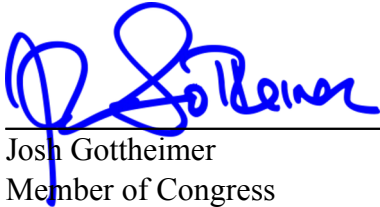
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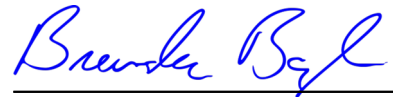
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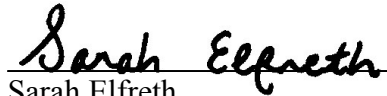
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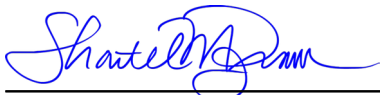
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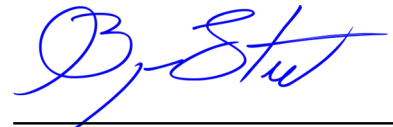
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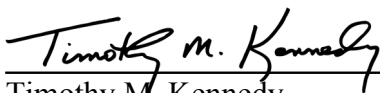
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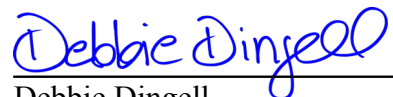
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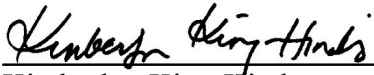
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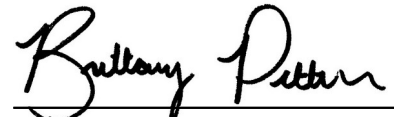
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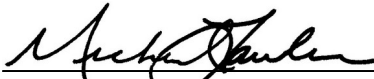
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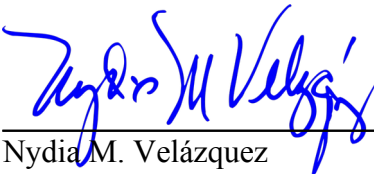
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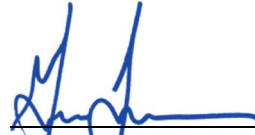
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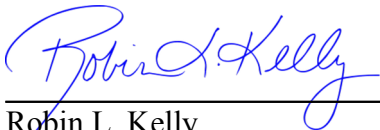
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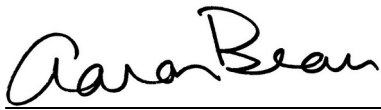
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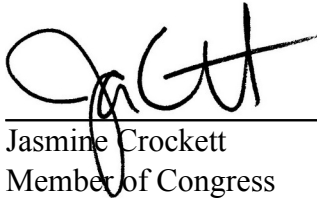
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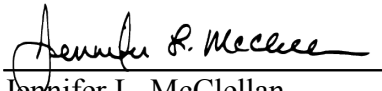
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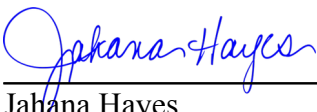
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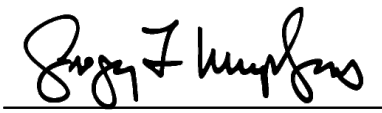
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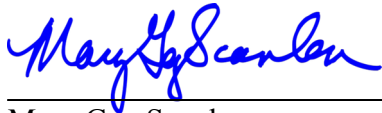
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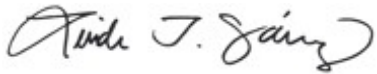
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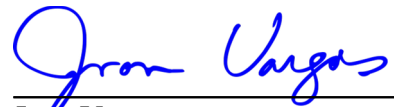
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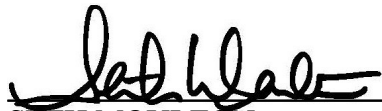
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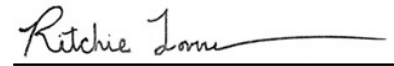
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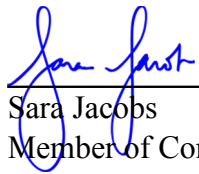
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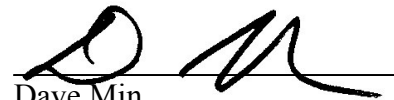
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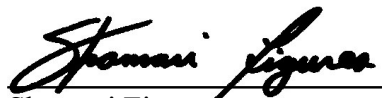
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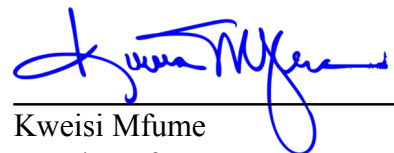
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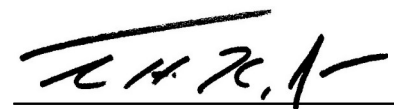
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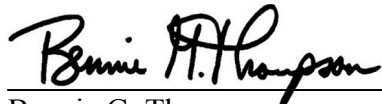
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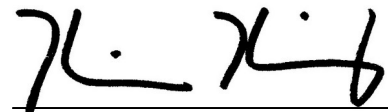
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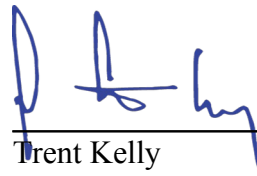
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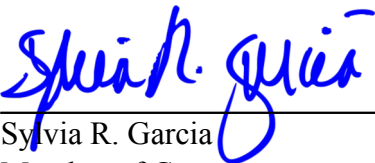
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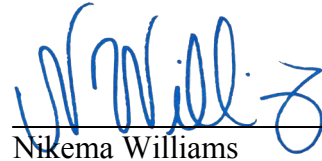
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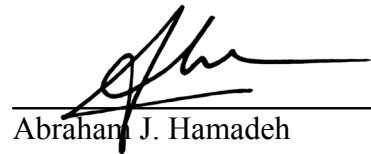
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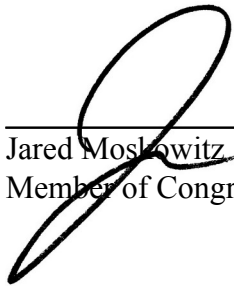
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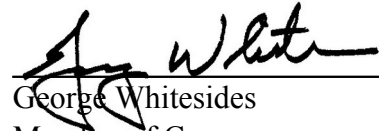
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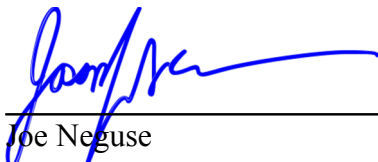
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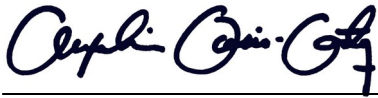
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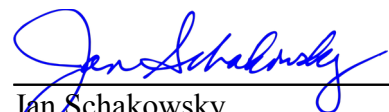
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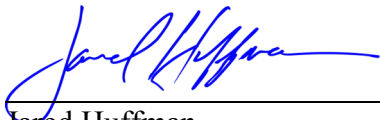
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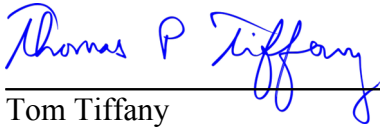
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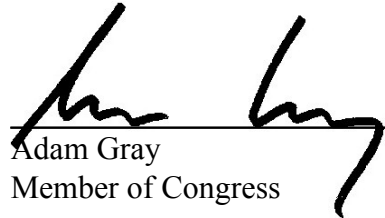
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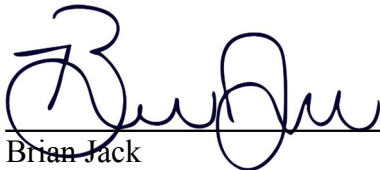
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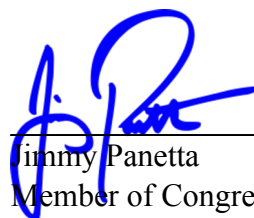
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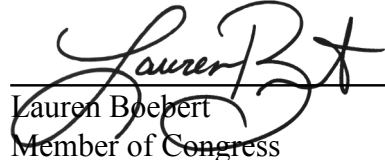
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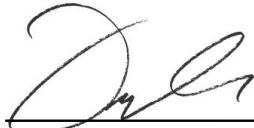
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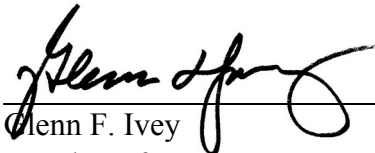
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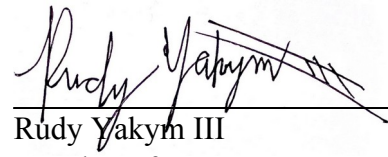


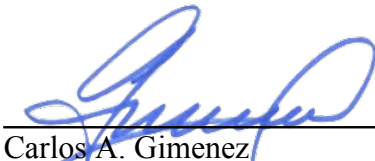
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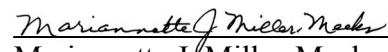

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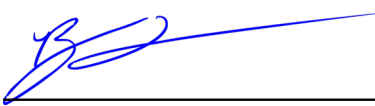

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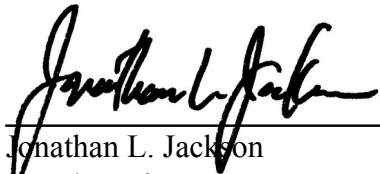
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