

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

April 22, 2013

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) 2014 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. By restoring desperately needed funding, the Title X program can continue its role as an integral part of the public health safety net.

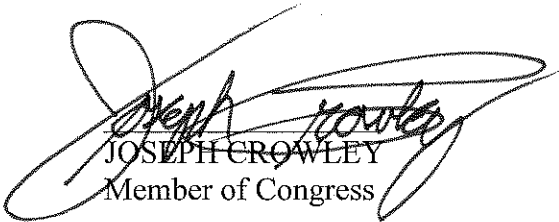
Title X remains the only federal program dedicated to providing family planning services for low-income patients. The program currently serves over five million low-income women and men at nearly 4,400 health centers each year. The vast majority of Title X patients are poor and low-income – 70 percent of patients have incomes at or below the federal poverty level, meaning they earn less than \$11,490 per year. For millions of men and women, safety net health providers can be one of the only sources of access to preventive care, cancer screenings, testing for infectious diseases, and domestic violence counseling. Yet even as more individuals are relying on the safety net for this care, Title X has endured a series of funding cuts that have made it harder for patients to receive needed health care services.

Since FY 2011, Title X funding has been cut by more than \$23 million, leading to a decline of over 200,000 patients. As a result, some health centers have closed, while others reduced patient hours, limited services, and laid off staff. With no additional funding in FY 2013, and now the triggering of sequestration promising an additional cut of \$15-\$26 million, this critical piece of the U.S. health care system is in jeopardy. The dedicated network of family planning services providers will not be able to sustain their current services capacity with these additional cuts.

These cuts are additionally misguided from a budgetary perspective, because the Title X program not only improves the health of our populations, but also saves billions of taxpayer dollars each year. Services provided at Title X-supported centers saved federal and state governments \$3.4 billion in just one year, with every dollar invested in publicly funded family planning programs saving nearly \$4 in Medicaid costs.

After more than 40 years of providing high quality reproductive health care to our nation's most vulnerable populations, Title X remains a vital asset to the nation's health care system. We ask that you strengthen America's only dedicated family planning program and invest in the critical health infrastructure that Americans deserve by providing at least \$327 million in FY 2014 for the Title X family planning program. We thank you for your consideration of this request.

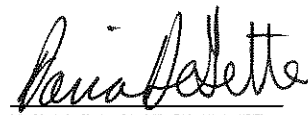
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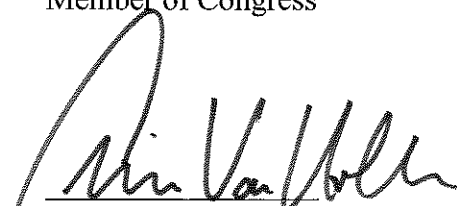
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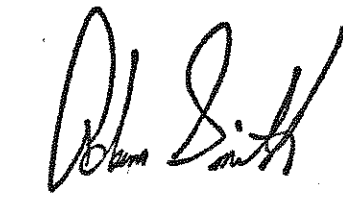
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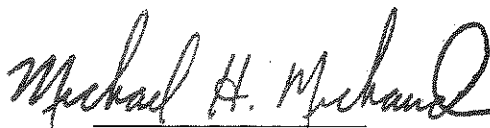
  
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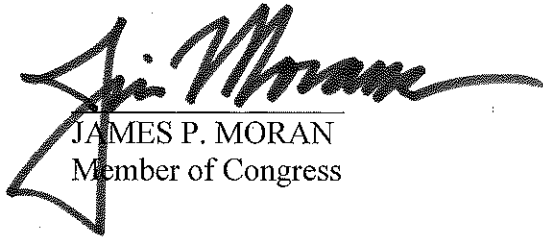
  
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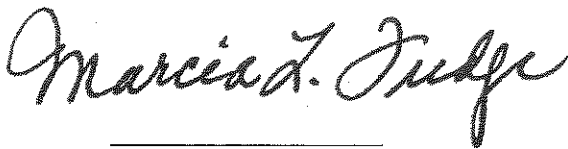
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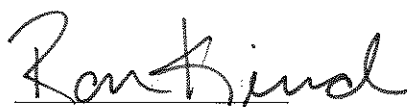
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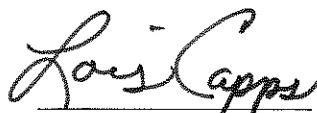
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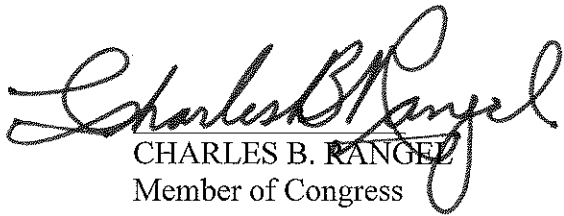
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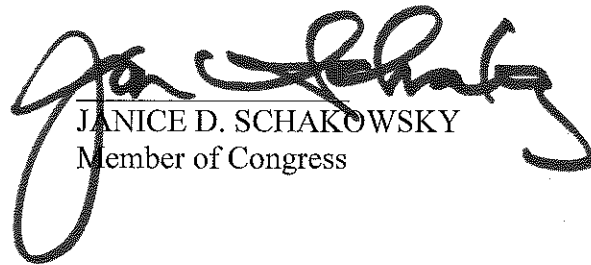


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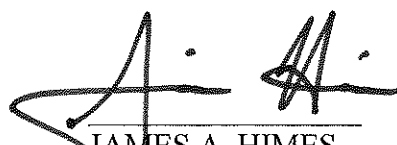
  
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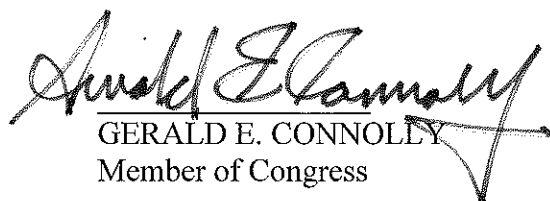
  
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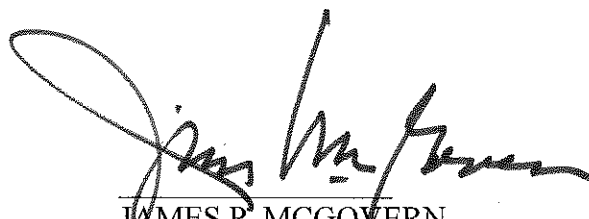
  
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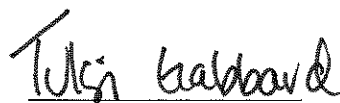
  
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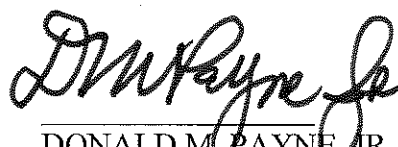
  
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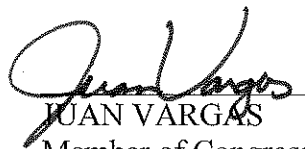
  
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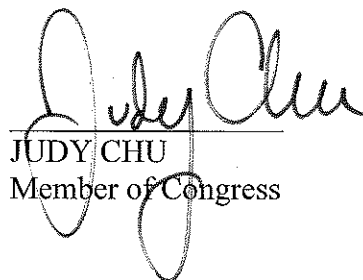
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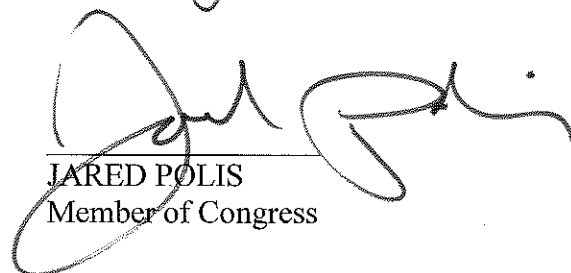
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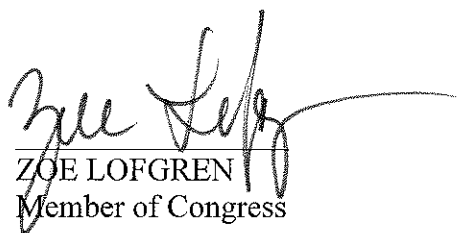
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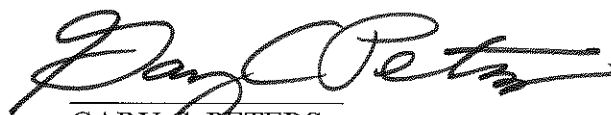
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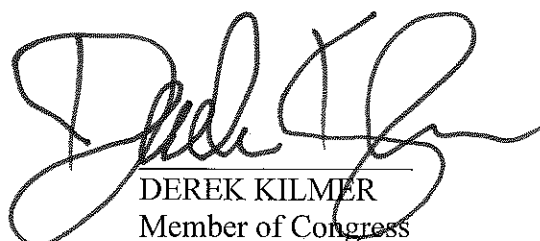
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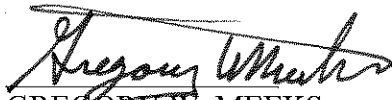
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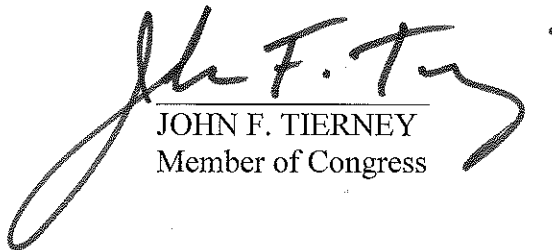
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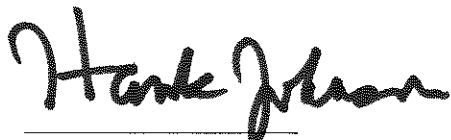
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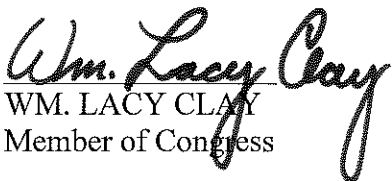
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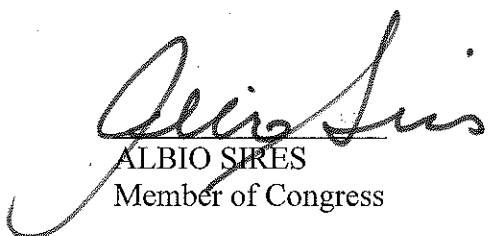
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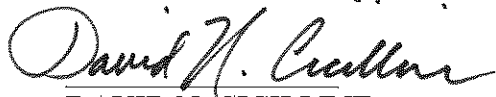


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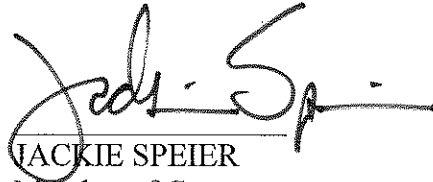
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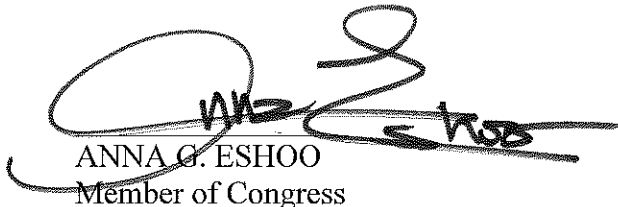
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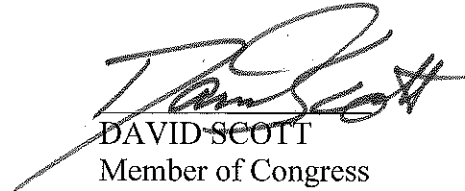
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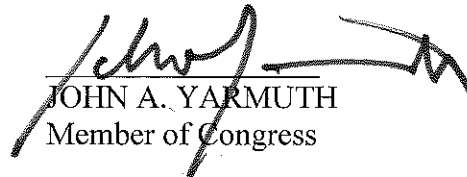
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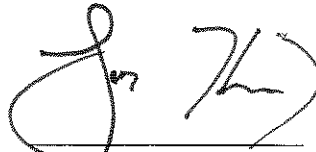
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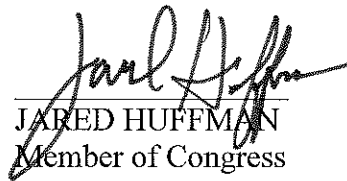
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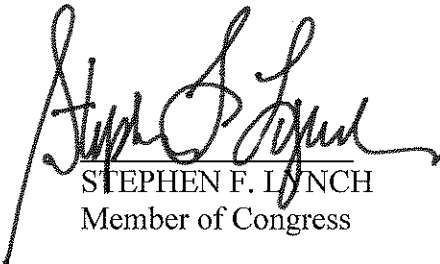
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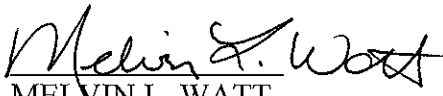
  
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