

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 1, 2011

The Honorable Denny Rehberg
Chairman
Labor, Health and Human Services,
and Education Subcommittee
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Labor, Health and Human Services,
and Education Subcommittee
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Rehberg and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As you begin work on the appropriations bills for Fiscal Year 2012, we respectfully request that you include funding for the Title X family planning program at a level of \$327 million. This will allow Title X to continue the important mission it has carried out for four decades – providing family planning and preventive health services to low-income Americans.

Title X of the Federal Public Health Service Act is the only federally funded, dedicated family planning program for the low-income and uninsured. For the over 5 million patients served at 4,500 clinics across the country, Title X provides critical services such as cancer screenings, HIV tests, education and counseling. In addition, the contraceptive services provided at Title X clinics allow women and men to plan for their futures, helping to prevent nearly one million unintended pregnancies each year, resulting in better health outcomes for all.

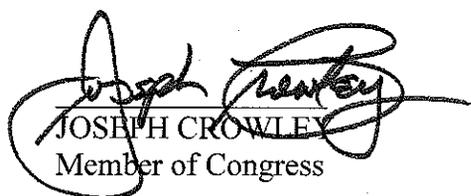
These services are needed now more than ever to meet increasing need. Title X clinics saw an increase of over 130,000 patients in 2009, the largest increase in 10 years. Due to the struggling economy, clinics are experiencing significant increases in patients who have trouble affording care, and more and more patients report struggling with the cost of prescription birth control.

In this difficult budget situation, we think it is important to recognize that Title X funding reduces costs in the long term. Every dollar invested in Title X saves nearly four dollars in Medicaid-related costs. Furthermore, in just one year, the services provided by Title X clinics save the state and federal governments \$3.4 billion. It is fiscally responsible to support and strengthen this preventive health program.

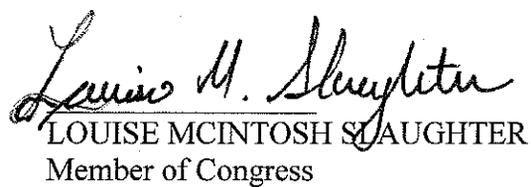
Title X is one of the nation's best and most cost-effective public health success stories, but Title X-funded health centers cannot continue to meet the real needs of our communities without additional funding. We urge you to recognize both the need for Title X services and the longtime success of the Title X by funding this effective program at a level of \$327 million in your Fiscal Year 2012 legislation.

We look forward to working with you to protect the health of low-income Americans. Please feel free to have your staff contact Nicole Cohen with Representative Joe Crowley at nicole.cohen@mail.house.gov if we can provide any further information about this request.

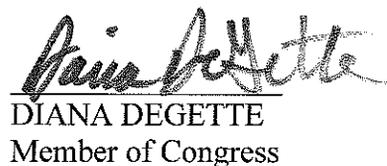
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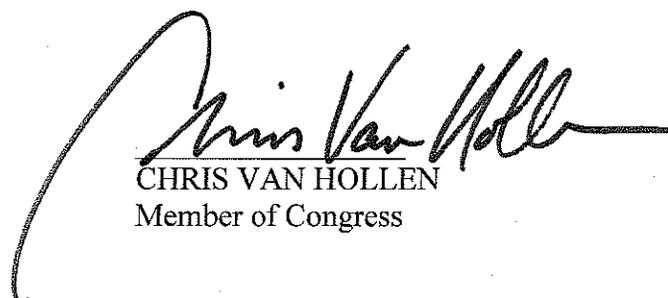
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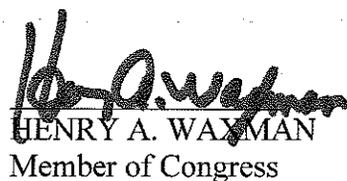
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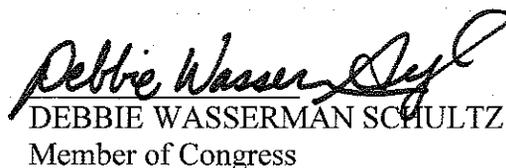
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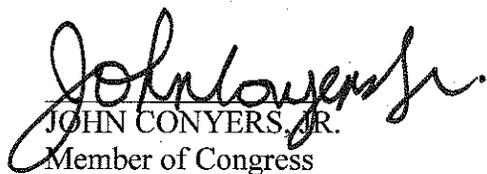
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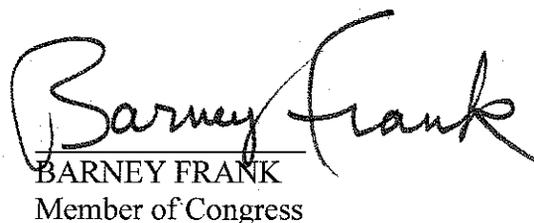
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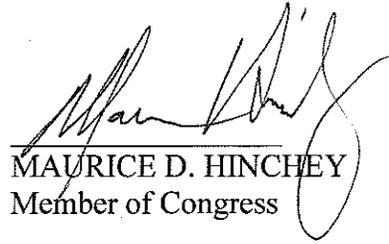
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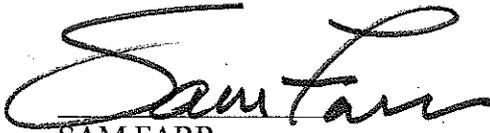
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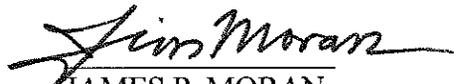
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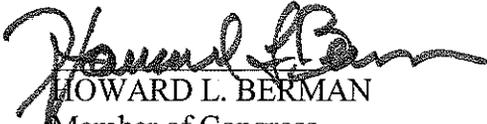
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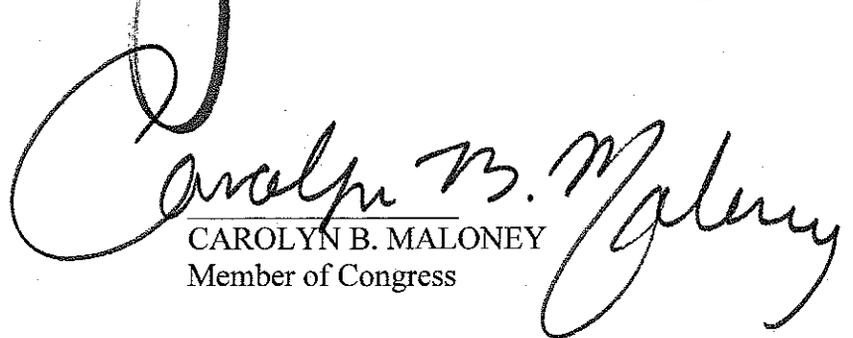
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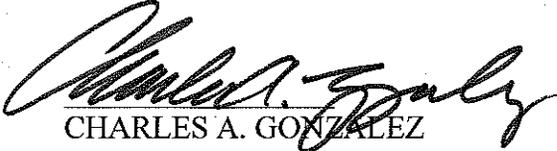
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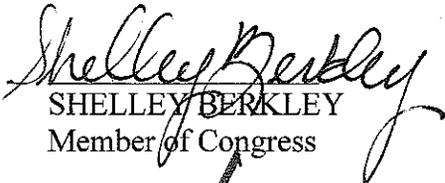

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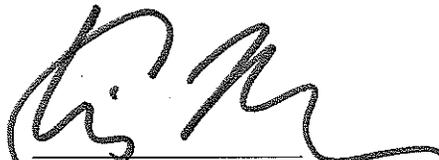

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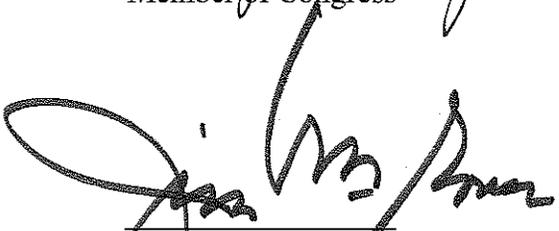

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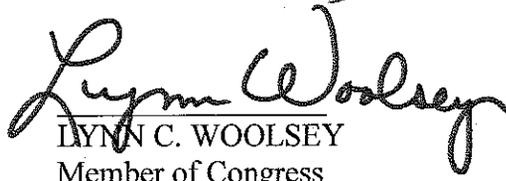

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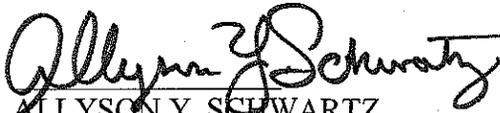
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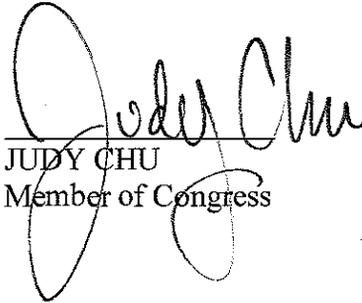
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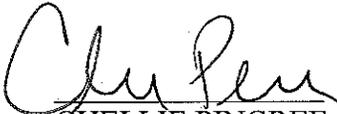
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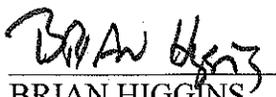
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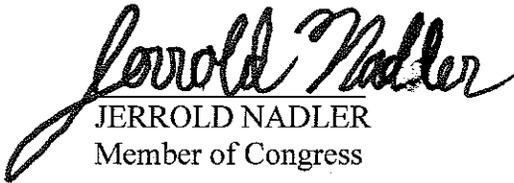
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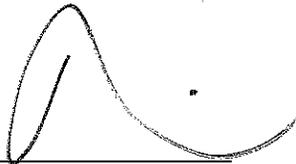
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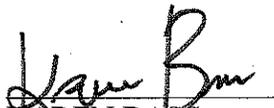
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