

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 28, 2019

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, and Education
House Committee on Appropriations
2358-B Rayburn House Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, and Education
House Committee on Appropriations
1016 Longworth House Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Cole:

As you begin work on the fiscal year (FY) 2020 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies appropriations bill, we respectfully urge you to support the nation's health care workforce by including \$424 million for Title VII health professions education and training programs at the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Title VII programs are the only federal programs designed to fill gaps in the supply of health professionals, respond to the needs of special and underserved populations, and increase minority representation in the health care workforce. While we understand that the Committee is faced with difficult choices to ensure fiscal responsibility, we urge you to consider the positive impact that Title VII funding has on health care workforce training and development across the United States, as well as its value to the business community, which relies on these programs for a skilled workforce.

Title VII programs have a longstanding history of helping the nation's health care workforce adapt to its changing medical needs. These programs help strengthen the supply of adult and pediatric primary care professionals while preparing the next generation of providers. Title VII programs are also critical in helping advance timely priorities, such as strengthening training opportunities in geriatrics as well as integrating mental and oral health in primary care. For example, some Title VII grantees provide chronic care management for seniors while others provide education and training in Alzheimer's disease. Additionally, these programs are working to address the mental health gaps in our nation's health care system by developing and training the next generation of behavioral health providers.

At a time when the country is facing unprecedented provider shortages, as well as a rapidly growing and aging population, it is necessary to continue our strong commitment to programs that advance our health care workforce such as:

- Area Health Education Centers (AHEC),
- Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training,
- Centers of Excellence (COE),
- Clinical Training in Interprofessional Practice,
- Faculty Loan Repayment,
- Geriatrics Training,
- Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP),

- Mental and Behavioral Health,
- Oral Health Training,
- Pediatric Subspecialty Loan Repayment,
- Primary Care Medicine,
- Public Health and Preventive Medicine,
- Rural Physician Training Grants,
- Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students (SDS),
- Teaching Health Center (THC) Planning Grants, and
- Workforce Information and Analysis.

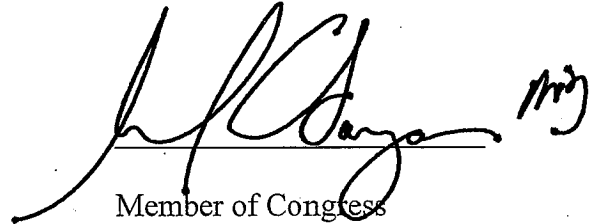
These education and training programs guide current and aspiring health professionals to high demand careers. Support for these programs will ensure that the distribution, quality, and diversity of our nation's health professions workforce continues to improve and that the workforce is prepared to meet the country's evolving and emerging health care needs.

We respectfully urge you to make the nation's next generation of health professionals a priority with a strong investment in Title VII programs in the FY 2020 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies appropriations bill. We greatly appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Member of Congress



Member of Congress



Member of Congress



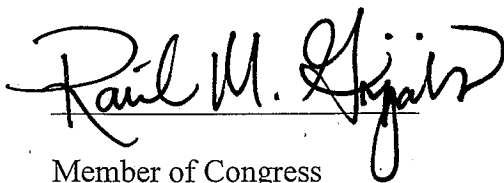
Member of Congress



Member of Congress



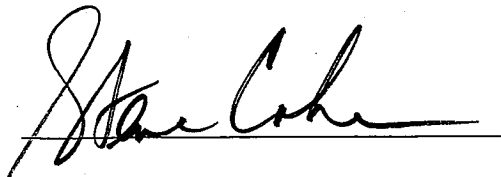
Member of Congress



Member of Congress



Member of Congress



Member of Congress



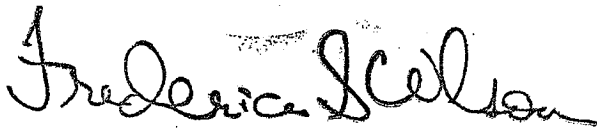
Member of Congress



Member of Congress



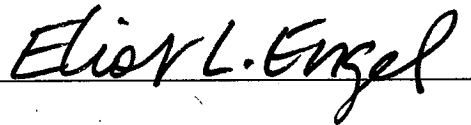
Member of Congress



Member of Congress



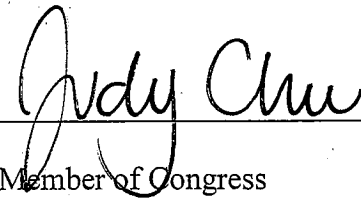
Member of Congress



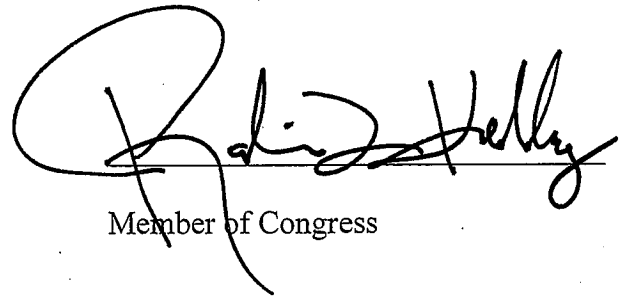
Member of Congress



Member of Congress



Member of Congress



Member of Congress



Member of Congress



Member of Congress

Eddie Bernice Johnson

Member of Congress

Ben R. Lujan

Member of Congress

Ximena J. Sanchez

Member of Congress

Pat W. Luna

Member of Congress

Jim Matheson

Member of Congress

Bob Casey

Member of Congress

Jim Gandy

Member of Congress

Mary Gay Scanlon

Member of Congress

Joseph R. Manville

Member of Congress

Joe Neguse

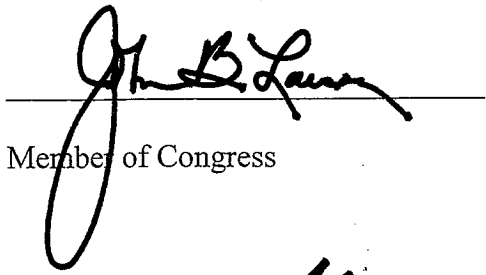
Member of Congress

Corn Lamb

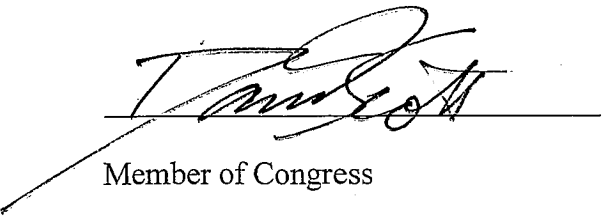
Member of Congress

Suzanne Braun

Member of Congress



Member of Congress



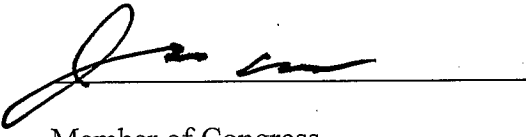
Member of Congress



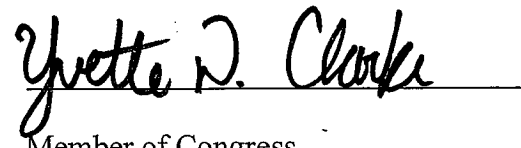
Member of Congress



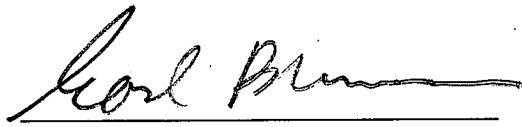
Member of Congress



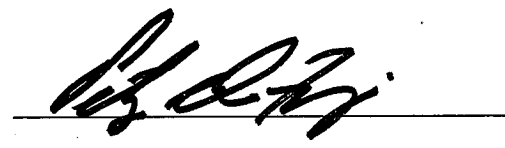
Member of Congress



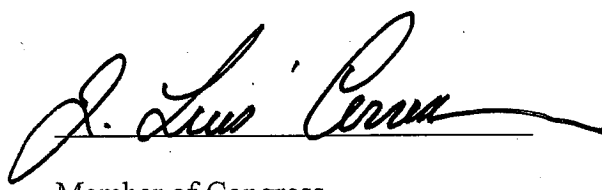
Member of Congress



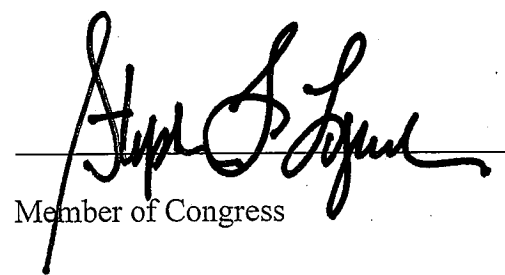
Member of Congress



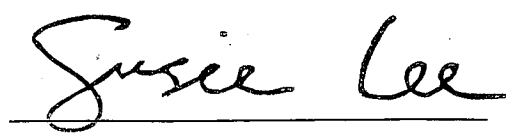
Member of Congress



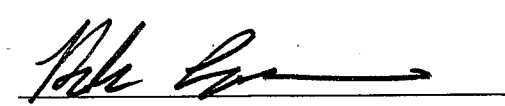
Member of Congress



Member of Congress



Member of Congress



Member of Congress

Tommy D.

Member of Congress

Debbie Dingell

Member of Congress

Anna G. Eshoo

Member of Congress

Andy Lum

Member of Congress

Maddie Dean

Member of Congress

Jim Vela

Member of Congress

Ryan W. Maul

Member of Congress

Seiji

Member of Congress

Mark Z...

Member of Congress

Nanette Diaz Barragan

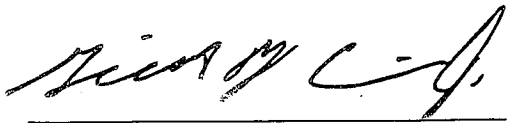
Member of Congress

Tulsi Gabbard

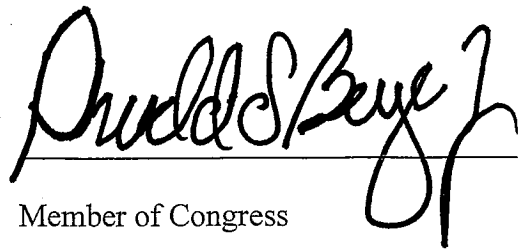
Member of Congress

Katie Porter

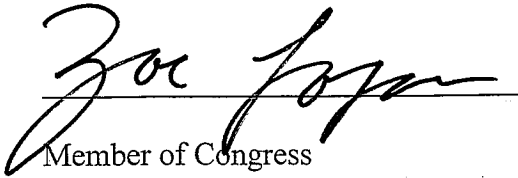
Member of Congress



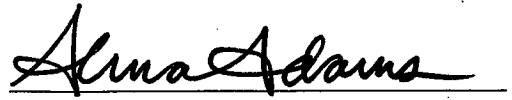
Member of Congress



Member of Congress



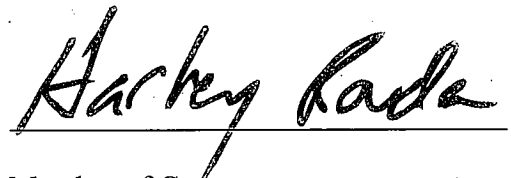
Member of Congress



Member of Congress



Member of Congress



Member of Congress




Member of Congress



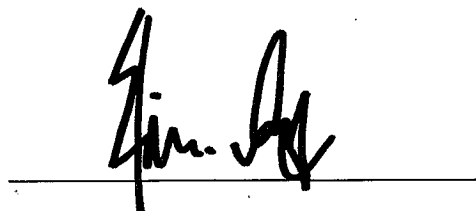
Member of Congress



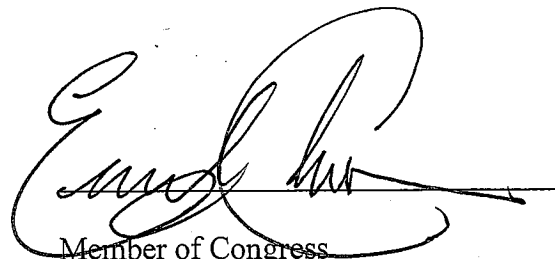
Member of Congress



Member of Congress



Member of Congress



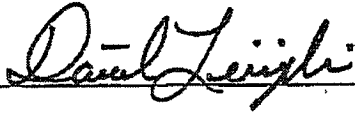
Member of Congress



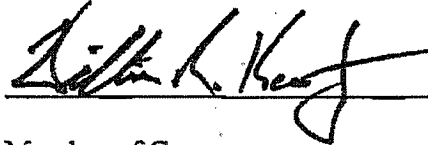
Member of Congress



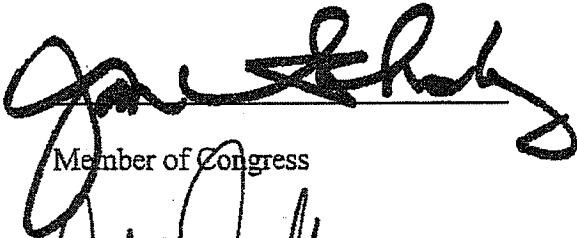
Member of Congress



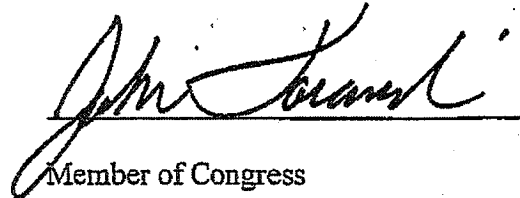
Member of Congress



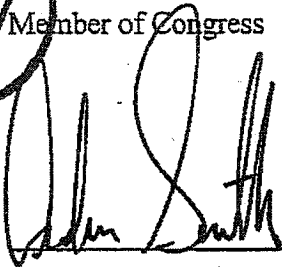
Member of Congress



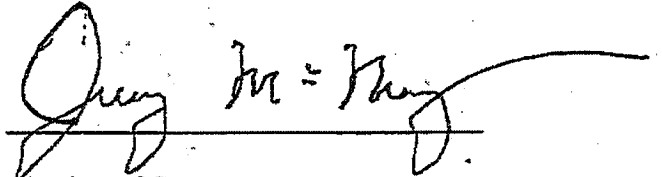
Member of Congress



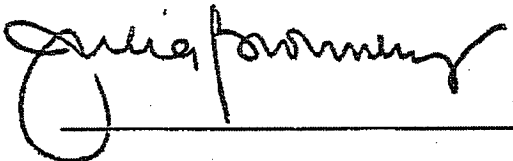
Member of Congress



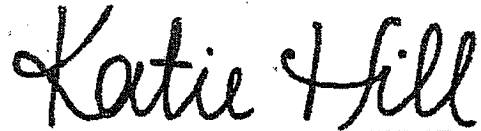
Member of Congress



Member of Congress



Member of Congress



Member of Congress



Member of Congress



Member of Congress

Members:

James R. Langevin
Michael C. Burgess, M.D.
Diana DeGette
Brian Fitzpatrick
Adam B. Schiff
Adam Smith
Adriano Espaillat
Alma S. Adams, Ph.D.
Ami Bera, M.D.
André Carson
Andy Levin
Anna G. Eshoo
Barbara Lee
Ben Ray Lujan
Bill Pascrell, Jr.
Conor Lamb
Daniel W. Lipinski
Darren Soto
David Scott
Debbie Dingell
Dina Titus
Donald M. Payne, Jr.
Donald S. Beyer, Jr.
Earl Blumenauer
Earl L. "Buddy" Carter
Ed Perlmutter
Eddie Bernice Johnson
Eliot L. Engel
Elissa Slotkin
Emmanuel Cleaver, II
Filemon Vela
Frederica S. Wilson
Gilbert R. Cisneros, Jr.
Harley Rouda
J. Luis Correa
Jackie Speier
Jan Schakowsky
Jason Crow
Jerry McNerney
Jim Costa

Jimmy Gomez
Jimmy Panetta
Joe Neguse
John B. Larson
John Garamendi
John Katko
John Yarmuth
Joseph D. Morelle
Joyce Beatty
Judy Chu
Julia Brownley
Katie Hill
Katie Porter
Linda T. Sánchez
Madeleine Dean
Mark Takano
Mary Gay Scanlon
Nanette Diaz Barragán
Peter A. DeFazio
Peter Welch
Raúl M. Grijalva
Raul Ruiz, M.D.
Rick Larsen
Robin Kelly
Roger Marshall, M.D.
Scott H. Peters
Sean Casten
Stephen F. Lynch
Steve Cohen
Susie Lee
Suzanne Bonamici
Ted Lieu
Terri A. Sewell
Theodore E. Deutch
Tony Cárdenas
Tulsi Gabbard
William R. Keating
Yvette D. Clarke
Zoe Lofgran