

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Patty Murray
Chairwoman
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human
Services, Education, and Related Agencies
Committee on Senate Appropriations
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human
Services, Education, and Related Agencies
Committee on House Appropriations
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairwoman Murray and Chairwoman DeLauro,

As you and your colleagues move towards finalizing the FY2022 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies appropriations bill, we respectfully ask that you include the following Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) language that will rename a minority public health workforce program after our beloved and former colleague, Congressman John Lewis. We also ask that you ensure the program maintains the increased funding of \$5 million so the CDC can extend the program into more Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) across the country.

The below language has been recommended in the Senate's explanatory statement and we urge it to be maintained in final language:

The Committee commends CDC for its commitment to health equity and workforce development to ensure a future where an increasingly diverse American public benefits from a more diverse and better trained public health workforce. The Committee applauds CDC on the 10th anniversary of the CDC Undergraduate Public Health Scholars [CUPS] Program and provides increased funding of \$5,000,000 to expand the program, including the opportunity for more HBCUs to participate, as well as Tribal Institutes.

The CDC CUPS Program is hereby renamed the John R. Lewis CDC Undergraduate Public Health Scholars Program.

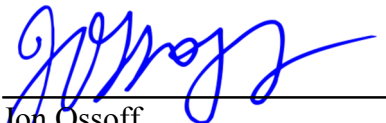
Our dear friend and former colleague, Congressman Lewis, was an American hero, civil rights icon, and revered citizen of Georgia. He was renowned for his leadership in advancing policies and funding that would help marginalized communities receive better healthcare.

Congressman Lewis was an ardent supporter of the CDC and advocate for minority health. His courage serves as an extraordinary example of civic leadership and continues to inspire young Americans to serve their communities and build a better world.

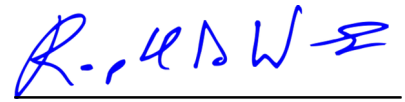
The CDC Undergraduate Public Health Scholars (CUPS) program provides internships for eligible undergraduate and graduate students. Currently, the program supports 30-42 students per year via CUPS funded academic institutions, but the program receives about 6,000 applicants per year. By increasing funding, the CUPS program can expand to 250 students per year and increase the number of participating grantees, including expanding work with HBCUs and Tribal Institutes.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and your ongoing work in supporting the important national priorities funded in this bill.


Sincerely,



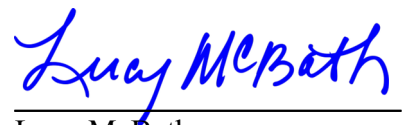
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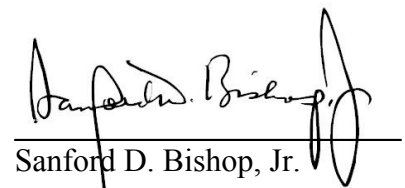
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