

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and
Human Services, Education, and
Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Patty Murray
Chair
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and
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Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Tom Cole
Ranking Member
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Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Roy Blunt
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and
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Dear Chairwoman DeLauro, Ranking Member Cole, Chair Murray, and Ranking Member Blunt:

The Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education program (CHGME) provides freestanding children's hospitals with federal graduate medical education funding to support the training of pediatricians and pediatric specialists. Nationally, CHGME funds the training of over 7,000 physicians annually and approximately half of all pediatric residencies. The CHGME program is the most important federal investment in the pediatric healthcare workforce and has improved children's access to healthcare and aided in addressing pediatric specialty shortages. However, shortages do still exist and a vigorous CHGME program is necessary. We, as members of the Georgia delegation, urge strong support for the CHGME program in FY23.

The CHGME program was created by Congress to provide a dedicated source of support for training in children's hospitals which do not receive support through the Medicare Graduate Medical Education (GME) program. However, the current level of funding provided for training kids' doctors through the CHGME program is only half of that provided per trainee in the Medicare GME program. We ask the committee to strengthen federal investments in CHGME by

working towards a program fully funded at comparable GME per-trainee levels to help ensure a strong foundation for children's health care across the country and into the future. As a step towards this goal, we urge robust funding for the CHGME program in FY23 and at a level no lower than the FY22 enacted funding level.

While the CHGME program has been a great success, much work remains to be done to eliminate shortages in pediatric specialty care, ensure general pediatricians and pediatric specialists are available in both cities and rural communities, and to work towards parity between CHGME and the adult Medicare GME program.

CHGME is a critical investment in our country's children. Children's health is directly tied to the strength of our pediatric workforce and we thank the Subcommittee for their leadership in investing in the healthcare of children. We urge strong support for the CHGME program in FY23.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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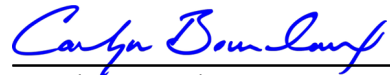
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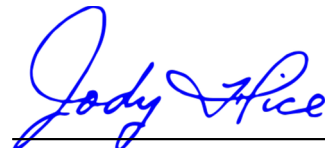
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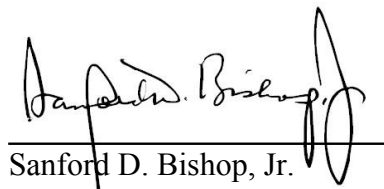
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