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The Honorable Robert Aderholt  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human  
Services, Education, and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human  
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Dear Chair Aderholt and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As you develop the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services (HHS), Education and Related Agencies appropriations legislation, we urge the committee to include increased funding for critical sexual and reproductive health programs, including the Title X Family Planning Program (Title X). Specifically, we request \$512 million for Title X. Since FY2015, this program has been flat funded, pushing access to family planning services out of reach for many.

Title X is the only federal program dedicated to providing domestic family planning services for people with low incomes and has received bipartisan recognition as a critical public resource. Title X-funded health centers are lifelines in their communities, providing high-quality family planning and sexual health care, including cancer screenings, testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections, HIV testing, contraceptive services and supplies, pregnancy testing, and other essential health care services. In 2023 alone, Title X was able to support care at 3,853 health centers across all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories. As we face a continuing health care crisis, it is essential that we strengthen and protect access to all reproductive and sexual health care, including contraception.

These centers offer care to populations that often face severe structural barriers to accessing quality health care, such as people with low incomes, the uninsured or people with insufficient insurance, people of color, young people, people who live and work in rural areas, and LGBTQ+ people. Of the more than 2.8 million family planning users served in 2023, 48 percent identified as people of color and nearly 36 percent identified as Hispanic and/or Latino. Further, 60 percent of Title X users had household incomes at or below the federal poverty guidelines and 27 percent were uninsured (three times the national average).<sup>1</sup>

Currently, Title X is flat funded at \$286.5 million for FY2026, well below the \$1.38 billion that researchers from the Office of Population Affairs and Mathematica determined in 2024 would be needed annually just to provide family planning care to individuals in need of free or subsidized

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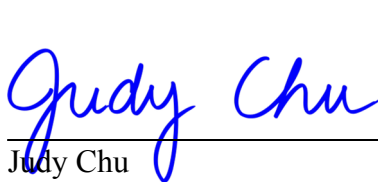
<sup>1</sup> Killewald, P., Leith, W., Paxton, N., Rosenthal, I., Troxel, J., Wong, M., & Zief, S. (2024, September). Family planning annual report: 2023 national summary. Office of Population Affairs, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

family planning and sexual health care.<sup>2</sup> This estimate is an update from a similar 2016 study that showed the program would need \$737 million to care for all low income women without insurance.<sup>3</sup> Unfortunately, these critical family planning services are in serious jeopardy because of chronic underfunding to the Title X program. Additionally, the Title X network is still recovering from the harm of the first Trump Administration's 2019 rule, while managing current political threats and attacks and health care workforce and system challenges.

In the coming years, the Title X network must manage the serious damage inflicted by H.R. 1, the *One Big Beautiful Bill Act*. Title X providers are already experiencing the harmful impacts of the H.R. 1's devastating cuts to Medicaid coverage as well as its provision to exclude certain sexual and reproductive health providers, targeting Planned Parenthood health centers, from participating in Medicaid. At the same time, after the significant upheaval caused by last year's withholding of funds from grantees providing Title X-funded care in 23 states, the Trump Administration is once again engaging in reckless games with the Title X program. HHS released the non-compete continuation application guidance three months late, leaving grantees only one week to submit applications, when they are usually given 60-90 days. This unnecessarily short timeline means that HHS only has two weeks to process all of the applications if grantees are going to be able to access their year 5 funds by the April 1 start date.

The House and Senate Appropriations Committees must continue to fund this critical public health program as they have done in the past and ensure HHS executes the law passed by Congress by releasing funds to the grantees. Title X continues to be a necessary resource for the millions of people across the country seeking family planning services. Our request of \$512 million would give the program the necessary resources to better meet the true need in our communities. We thank you for your consideration of this request and look forward to working with you throughout the FY2027 appropriations process.

Sincerely,



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<sup>2</sup> Mileo Gorzig, M., Goesling, B., & Schellenberger, K. (2024, December). The need for free or subsidized sexual and reproductive health services in the U.S.: Updated Estimates. Mathematica. <https://opa.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/2024-12/opa-cost-study-srh-services.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> Euna August, et al, "Projecting the Unmet Need and Costs for Contraception Services After the Affordable Care Act," *American Journal of Public Health* (February 2016): 334-341.



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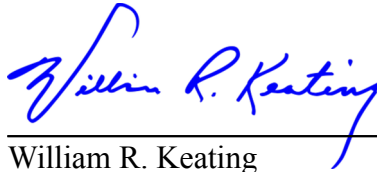
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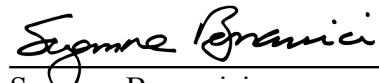
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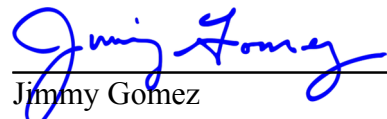
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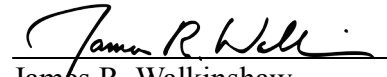
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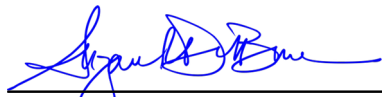
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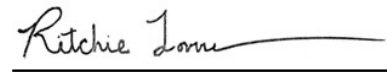
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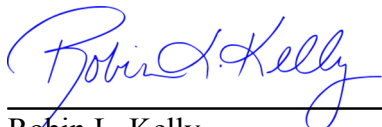
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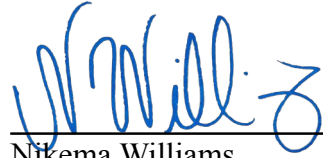
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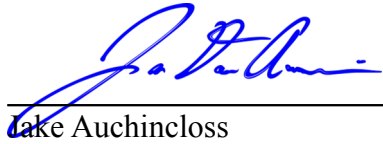
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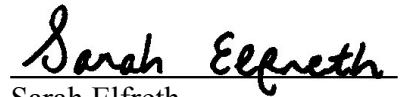
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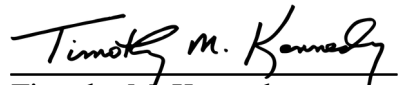
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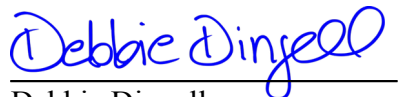
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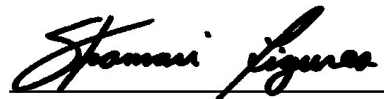
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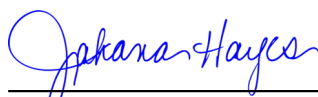
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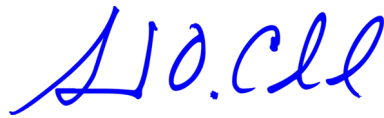
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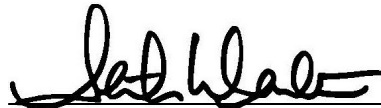
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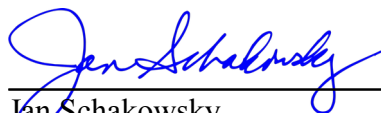
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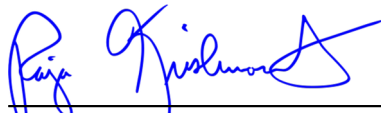
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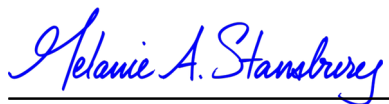
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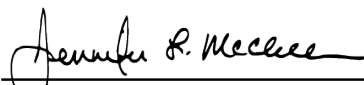
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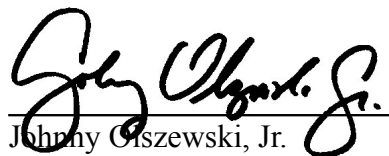
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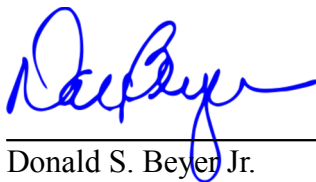
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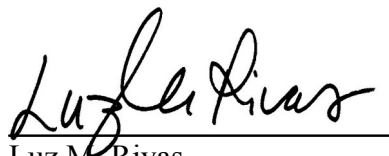
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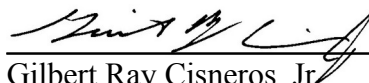
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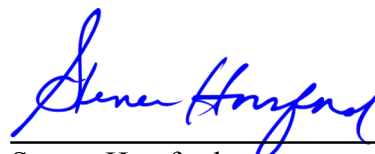
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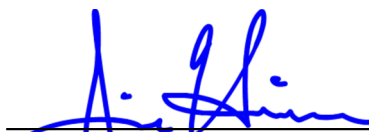
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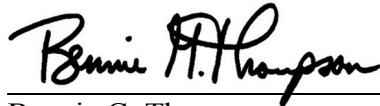
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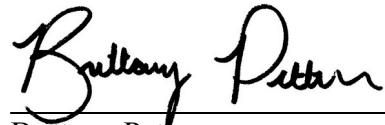
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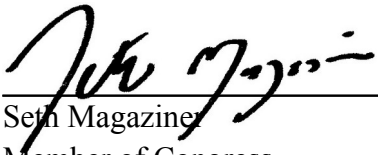
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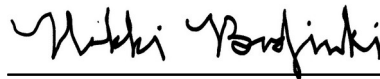
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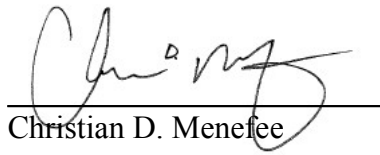
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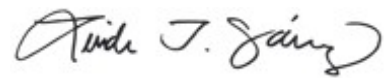
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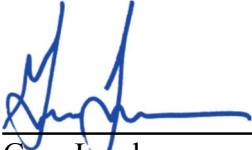
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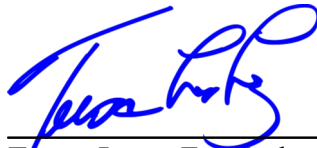
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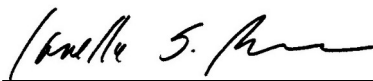
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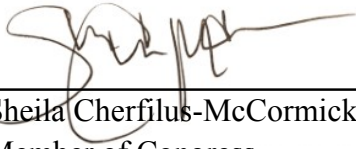
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