Title: <YOUR PCA> FY24 Appropriations Request

Dear <staffer first name>,

Hope all is well!

My name is <YOUR NAME>, and I work for <YOUR CHC>. On behalf of <YOUR CHC>, we respectfully request <RepTitle> <RepLastName>’s consideration of the following <$1.817 billion> funding request for Community Health Centers for the FY24, Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies appropriations bill.

If you haven't yet, please consider signing onto Representatives Bilirakis and DeGette's CHC Appropriations Letter. To sign on, please contact Dr. Nimit Jindal in Rep. DeGette’s office at nimit.jindal@mail.house.gov or Chris Jones in Rep. Bilirakis’s office, at chris.jones@mail.house.gov. The deadline to sign on is Wednesday, March 22, 2023.

Health centers are consumer-driven and patient-centered organizations that serve as a comprehensive and cost-effective primary health care option for America’s most underserved communities. Community Health Centers save the health care system $24 billion annually while also contributing over $84.4 billion in total economic activity across the country. This activity supports 508,000 jobs across the nation in direct and indirect employment in communities.

Health Centers play an important role in providing health care in your district, operating <district #> health center organizations and serving <PatientNumber> patients, regardless of their ability to pay.

The following information may be used by the Member for submission purposes to the LHHS-Ed Appropriations Committee database:

PROGRAM: Community Health Centers

TYPE: Program

SUBCOMMITTEE: Labor Health and Human Services and Education

AGENCY: Health and Human Services/ Health Resources Services Administration

ACCOUNT: Consolidated Health Centers Program

PROGRAM LANGUAGE TITLE: Community Health Centers

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Increased funding for the Health Center program strengthens the ability of health centers to provide integrated, high-quality primary care. Community Health Centers currently provide care to nearly 30 million patients in over 14,000 medically underserved rural and urban communities in all 50 states, the nation’s capital, and U.S. territories. Additional funding is critical to protect these health care services and begin to meet the escalating demands for urgently needed health services. Specifically, an additional $80 million over the FY23 enacted level will strengthen existing health centers, expand the program’s reach into underserved communities, and continue congressional priorities such as HIV  prevention, cancer screening, and primary care in schools.

FUNDING: $1.817 billion

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,