

April 16, 2014

The Honorable Joseph R. Pitts
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr.
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Dear Chairman Pitts and Ranking Member Pallone:

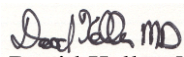
On behalf of organizations dedicated to the health of all children, we write to extend our sincerest thanks for your work to secure the passage of the *Children's Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act of 2013*, which was signed into law on April 8.

Through the Children's Hospital Graduate Medical Education (CHGME) program, children's hospitals have improved their training experience for residents and fellows and have created new and innovative programs to provide more comprehensive care to underserved communities in urban and rural areas. CHGME provides essential support not only to pediatric primary care, but also to pediatric subspecialty care, an area for which there are serious demonstrated workforce shortages across the country. Currently, the CHGME program provides support for children's hospitals that train half of the nation's pediatricians and pediatric specialists.

Since 1999, CHGME has served as an important and successful program to increase the number of pediatricians and pediatric subspecialists and the scope of their training to give the best possible care to the nation's children. We commend your dedication and commitment to working in a bipartisan fashion to maintain strong support for this vital program.

We thank you for your strong commitment to the health and wellbeing of children, and we look forward to continuing to work with you to improve child health.

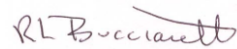
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