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The Honorable Robert Aderholt
Chair
House Appropriations Subcommittee on
Labor, Health, Human Services, and Education
United States House of Representatives
2358-B Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Subcommittee on
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Dear Chair Aderholt and Ranking Member DeLauro,

While we recognize Congress faces many difficult funding decisions this year, we respectfully urge you to provide strong Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 funding for the Children's Hospital Graduate Medical Education (CHGME) program. Under bipartisan leadership, Congress has consistently supported the training of pediatric medical residents and strengthened the pediatric workforce that serves the needs of America's children. We are particularly grateful for the \$395 million in FY26 funding, including a \$5 million increase. Continued robust support for CHGME is especially important as the country continues to face a youth mental health crisis and growing shortages across the pediatric health workforce.

The CHGME program is the most important federal investment in developing and sustaining the pediatric physician workforce and in expanding access to care for children. When Congress created this bipartisan program in 1999, its intent was to fill a significant gap in federal support for pediatric training and help expand availability of pediatricians and pediatric subspecialists. Today, CHGME hospitals train 55 percent of pediatricians and pediatric subspecialists. These providers go on to serve communities in every region of the country. About two thirds of CHGME funded physicians remain in the state where they trained, caring for children in both rural and urban communities.

Despite this critical role, CHGME remains significantly underfunded. CHGME accounts for only 1.7 percent of total federal GME spending even though CHGME hospitals train the majority of the pediatric workforce. At current federal funding levels, CHGME hospitals will receive only 38 percent of what Medicare pays on a per resident basis to Medicare GME hospitals in FY 2027. Sustained and increased investment is needed to ensure that children have timely access to highly trained pediatricians and subspecialists. Without additional support, ongoing shortages in many pediatric specialties will continue, with some specialty residency programs experiencing 20 to 40 percent fewer applicants in the last several years.

CHGME hospitals also have broad national reach. They serve children from 99.6 percent of all counties and territories, including nearly half of rural communities. These hospitals support the training of more than 90 percent of pediatric subspecialists in fields like pathology, cardiac anesthesiology, and pediatric rehabilitation. They also host rotations for trainees from other GME programs, including military medical programs, many of which rely on these rotations to maintain accreditation.

As our nation continues to confront increasing mental, emotional, and behavioral health needs among youth, bipartisan federal support for CHGME is more critical than ever. Continued investment is necessary to expand access to pediatric specialists and ensure that children with complex medical needs receive the care they deserve. Strengthening CHGME funding in FY 2027 will help put pediatric training programs on a more level playing field with other federal provider training programs and protect access to care for families nationwide.

We recognize that Congress has a responsibility to carefully consider the nation's spending priorities. However, CHGME is a vital investment in the well-being of children across the country. We thank the Subcommittee for its longstanding leadership and urge strong funding for the CHGME program in FY 2027.

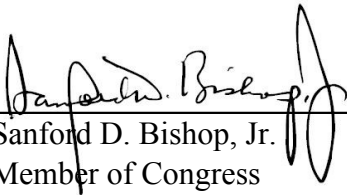
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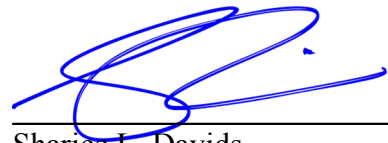
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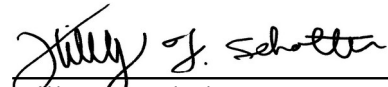
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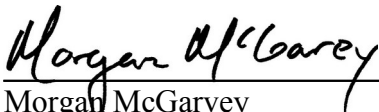
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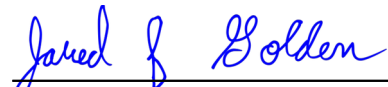
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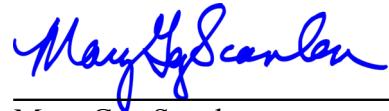
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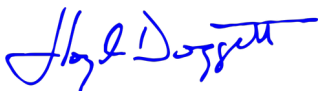
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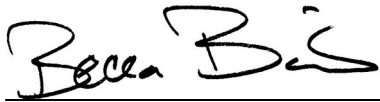
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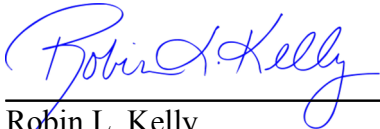
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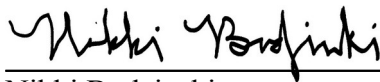
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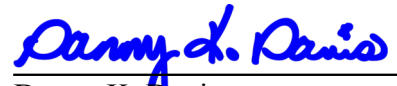
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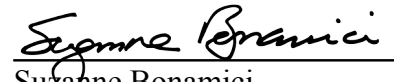
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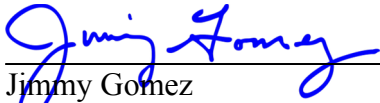
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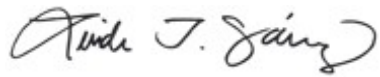
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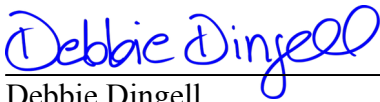
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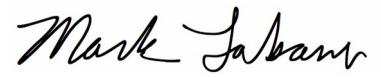
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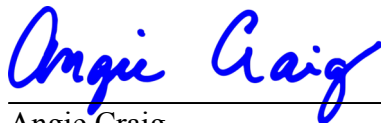
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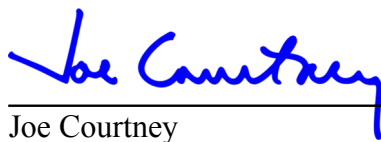
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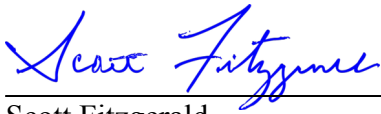
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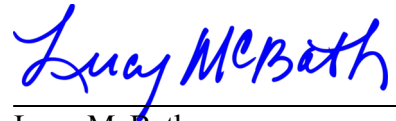
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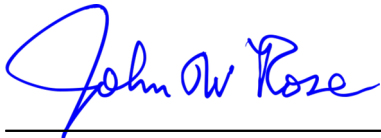
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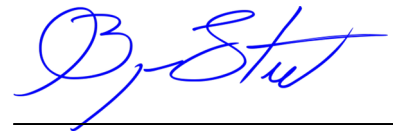
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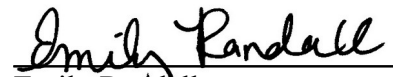
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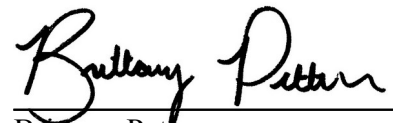
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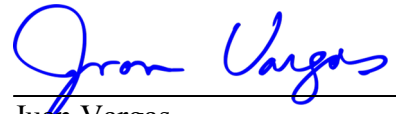
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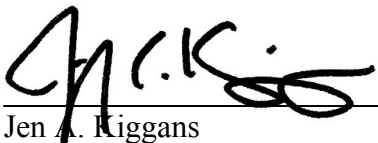
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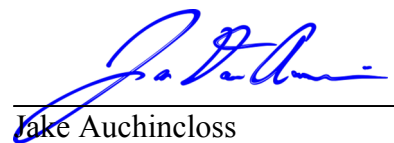
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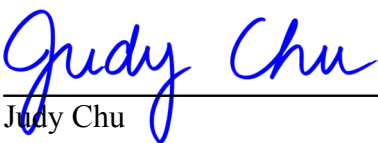
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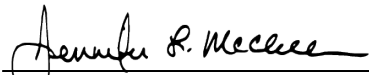
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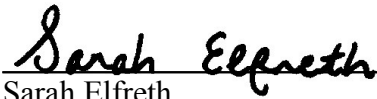
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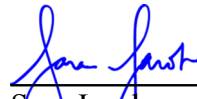
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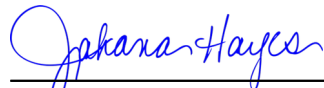
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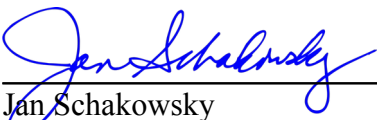
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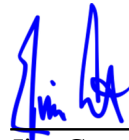
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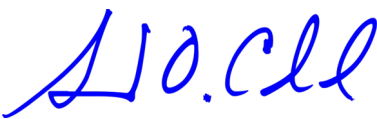
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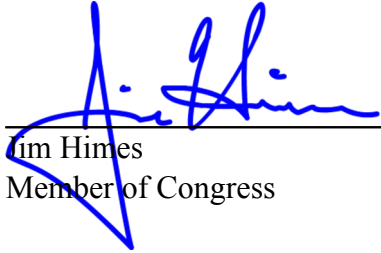
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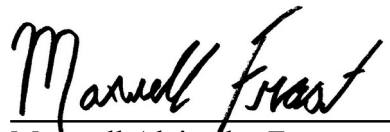
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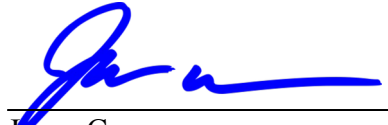
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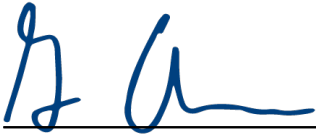
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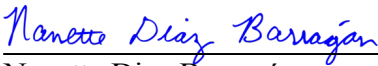
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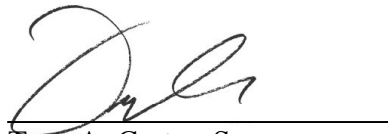
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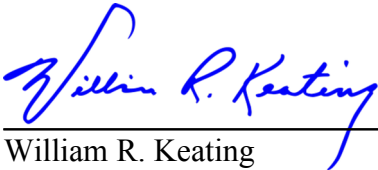
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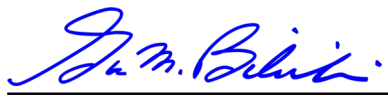
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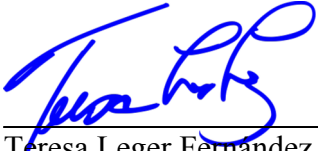
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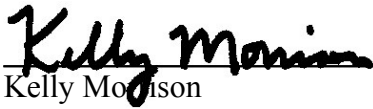
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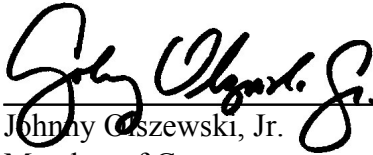
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