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Dear Chairmen Upton and Pitts and Ranking Members Pallone and Waxman:

Cynthia Barnes-Boyd

Chicago, IL

We, the undersigned, write to express our support for retaining mandatory funding for school-based health centers (SBHCs) in section 4101(a) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Affordable Care Act).

Kelly Dunkin

Denver, CO

Providing a one-time series of grants for construction, renovation, and equipment for school-based health centers was the right decision. More than 1,900 SBHCs across the country provide access for nearly two million students, and a range of primary, mental, and oral health care services. These services are provided regardless of students' ability to pay in a location that meets children and adolescents where they are: at school. SBHCs are often the only source of health care for many children and adolescents who would otherwise go without needed services.

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No other source of federal funding uniquely supports SBHCs, even though government studies have demonstrated that the model is a critical and cost-effective part of our nation's health care safety net for children and adolescents.

More than 350 applicants from around the nation are seeking funding through the first round of competitive grants (HRSA-11-127) created under the law – demonstrating the high level of interest in and need for this funding. These applications came from all regions of the country, representing rural, urban, and suburban constituencies.

Support for SBHCs in the Affordable Care Act will fund construction, renovation, and equipment. More money will go to construction jobs, renovation supplies, and equipment such as exam tables and blood pressure monitors. In addition to the benefits for student health, these grants are good for local businesses.

Most importantly, school-based health centers keep students healthy, in school, and learning. Stronger school-based health centers will lead to stronger, more successful children and adolescents across the country.

We, the undersigned, respectfully call on Congress to protect needed access to health care for vulnerable children and adolescents by retaining funding for SBHCs in the Affordable Care Act.

Sincerely,

National Assembly on School-Based Health Care

Arizona School-Based Health Care Council  
Bright Futures Pediatrics (South Carolina)  
California School Health Centers Association  
Colorado Association for School-Based Health Care  
Connecticut Association of School-Based Health Centers  
DC Assembly on School-Based Health Care  
Florida Coalition of School-Based Health Centers  
Health Establishments at Local Schools (HEALS) Inc. (Alabama)  
Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition  
Kentucky Youth Advocates  
Louisiana Assembly on School-Based Health Care  
Maine Assembly on School-Based Health Care  
Maryland Assembly on School-Based Health Care  
Massachusetts Association for School-Based Health Care  
New Mexico Alliance on School-Based Health Care  
New York State Coalition on School-Based Health Centers  
North Carolina School Community Health Alliance  
Ohio School-Based Health Care Association  
Oregon School-Based Health Care Network  
Pennsylvania School-Based Health Center Association  
School-Community Health Alliance of Michigan  
Texas Association of School-Based Health Centers  
West Virginia School-Based Health Assembly

### National Organizations

1. **National Assembly on School-Based Health Care**
2. A World Fit for Kids!
3. Advocates for Youth
4. AMD Global Telemedicine
5. American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
6. American Association on Health and Disability
7. American Nurses Association
8. American Lung Association
9. American Public Health Association
10. American School Health Association
11. Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs
12. Center for Adolescent Health & the Law
13. Center for Health and Health Care in Schools at The George Washington University, School of Public Health and Health Services
14. Children Now
15. Children's Defense Fund
16. Coalition for Community Schools
17. Community Catalyst
18. Creating Partnerships in Healthcare
19. Every Child Matters Education Fund
20. First Focus
21. Funding Solutions Corporation of America
22. Healthy Teen Network
23. Integrated Healthcare Policy Consortium
24. National Alliance on Mental Illness
25. National Association of County and City Health Officials
26. National Association of School Nurses
27. National Association of Social Workers
28. National Coalition of STD Directors
29. National Crittenton Foundation
30. National Health Care for the Homeless Council
31. National School Boards Association
32. Save the Children
33. School Social Work Association of America
34. Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine
35. Society for Public Health Education
36. Society of State Leaders of Health and Physical Education
37. State Associations of Addiction Services
38. Voices for America's Children

### Alabama

39. **Health Establishments at Local Schools (HEALS) Inc.**
  - ❖ **An emerging state association of the National Assembly on School-Based Health Care**

### Arkansas

40. Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families
41. Fayetteville Public Schools Wellness and Education Clinic at Owl Creek
42. Gurdon Schools Health and Wellness Center
43. Lincoln Schools Wellness Center

Arizona

- 44. **Arizona School Based Health Care Council, Inc.**
  - ❖ **An affiliate of the National Assembly on School-Based Health Care**
- 45. Banner Health

California

- 46. **California School Health Centers Association**
  - ❖ **An affiliate of the National Assembly on School-Based Health Care**
- 47. C.H.A.I.N. Reaction, Inc.
- 48. Children's Partnership
- 49. City of Ontario Recreation & Community Services Department
- 50. Clinica Sierra Vista, Inc.
- 51. Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County
- 52. Community Health Systems, Inc.
- 53. Delta Health Care
- 54. El Dorado County Community Health Center
- 55. Elev8 Oakland
- 56. Elsie Allen Health Center, Santa Rosa Community Health Centers
- 57. Emeryville Counseling and Art Therapy
- 58. Foothill Community Health Center
- 59. Golden Valley Health Centers
- 60. Hatchuel Tabernik & Associates
- 61. House of Ruth, Inc.
- 62. Inland Valley Hope Partners
- 63. Kids Come First Community Clinic
- 64. Kings Canyon Unified School District
- 65. Kiwanis Club of Ontario
- 66. LA Health Action
- 67. Latino Coalition for a Healthy California
- 68. LMWS Inc., Pacific Lifeline
- 69. Los Angeles County Education Foundation
- 70. Los Angeles Unified School District
- 71. Lower Lake High School
- 72. MiraMed Tech
- 73. National Alliance on Mental Illness—Fresno
- 74. Northeast Valley Health Corporation, School-Based Division
- 75. Oakland Unified School District
- 76. Operation Samahan, Inc.
- 77. Para Los Ninos - Ontario Child and Family Wellness Center
- 78. Paradigm HealthCare Services
- 79. Partnership for Children and Youth
- 80. Pinole Valley High School Student Health Center
- 81. Pomona Community Health Center
- 82. Project Sister Family Services
- 83. Reach Out
- 84. Roseland Children's Health Center, Santa Rosa Community Health Centers
- 85. Saban Free Clinic
- 86. San Geronimo Valley Community Center
- 87. School Health Clinics of Santa Clara County
- 88. Sheridan Way Elementary School Family Center
- 89. Social Action Community (SAC) Health System
- 90. Solutionz Videoconferencing, Inc.
- 91. South Central Family Health Center

- 92. Teen Talk Sexuality Education
- 93. Y-Team of the East Bay
- 94. UMMA Community Clinic
- 95. Valley Health Team, Inc.

Colorado

- 96. Colorado Association for School-Based Health Care**
  - ❖ **An affiliate of the National Assembly on School-Based Health Care**
- 97. Colorado AIDS Project
- 98. Commerce City Community Health Services
- 99. Cripple Creek-Victor Mountain Health Center
- 100. Denver Community Health Services
- 101. Durango High School-School Based Health Center
- 102. Healthy Colorado Youth Alliance

Connecticut

- 103. Connecticut Association of School Based Health Centers, Inc.**
  - ❖ **An affiliate of the National Assembly on School-Based Health Care**
- 104. Southwest Community Health Center
- 105. Stamford School Based Health Centers, a program of Family Centers Inc.

District of Columbia

- 106. DC Assembly on School-Based Health Care**
  - ❖ **An affiliate of the National Assembly on School-Based Health Care**
- 107. DC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy
- 108. Unity Health Care, Inc.

Delaware

- 109. Indian River High School Wellness Center
- 110. Sussex Central High School Wellness Center

Florida

- 111. Florida Coalition for School-Based Health Care**
  - ❖ **An Affiliate of the National Assembly on School-Based Health Care**
- 112. Gadsden County School-Based Health Centers

Georgia

- 113. Berrien County Collaborative, MED Clinic
- 114. Primary Health Care Center of Dade, Inc.
- 115. Student Health Services, Fulton County School System
- 116. Ware County Schools

Illinois

- 117. Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition**
  - ❖ **Illinois Coalition for School Health Centers—an affiliate of the National Assembly on School-Based Health Care**
- 118. District 207 School Based Health Center
- 119. Gallatin County School Wellness Center
- 120. Kankakee Junior High School
- 121. Kankekee School District #111 School-Based Health Center
- 122. Morton School Based Health Center
- 123. Loyola University School-based Health Center at Proviso East High School
- 124. Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago

- 125. Rush University College of Nursing
- 126. School Health LINK Inc.

Indiana

- 127. Anthem State Sponsored Business
- 128. Community Healthnet
- 129. Madison County Community Health Centers, Inc.
- 130. Open Door Adolescent Health Center
- 131. Red Bow Tie, LLC

Iowa

- 132. Healthy Kids Community Care
- 133. Iowa City Community School District

Kentucky

- 134. Kentucky Youth Advocates**
  - ❖ **An affiliate of the National Assembly on School-Based Health Care**

Louisiana

- 135. Louisiana Assembly on School-Based Health Care**
  - ❖ **An affiliate of the National Assembly on School-Based Health Care**
- 136. Innis Community Health Center
- 137. Jefferson Parish School Based Health Centers
- 138. St. Martin Parish School Board School-Based Health Centers

Maine

- 139. Maine Assembly on School-Based Health Care**
  - ❖ **An affiliate of the National Assembly on School-Based Health Care**
- 140. Augusta School Department
- 141. Blue Devil Health Center
- 142. Calais School System
- 143. Brewer School Department
- 144. Community Clinical Services, Inc.
- 145. Family Planning Association of Maine
- 146. Lewiston-Auburn School Based Health Centers
- 147. Lincoln Academy School Based Health Center
- 148. Maine Association of Substance Abuse Programs, Inc.
- 149. Maine Alliance to Prevent Substance Abuse
- 150. Maranacook Student Health Center

Maryland

- 151. Maryland Assembly on School-Based Health Care**
  - ❖ **An affiliate of the National Assembly on School-Based Health Care**
- 152. Baltimore Medical System
- 153. DAI Consulting
- 154. Dorchester County Health Department
- 155. Eightfold Strategy
- 156. Elev8 Baltimore
- 157. Maryland Addictions Directors Council
- 158. School-Based Health Center, Broad Acres Elementary School
- 159. Union Hospital of Cecil County

Massachusetts

- 160. Massachusetts Association for School-Based Health Care**  
❖ **An affiliate of the National Assembly on School-Based Health Care**
- 161. Boston Public Health Commission
  - 162. Codman Square Health Center
  - 163. Edward M. Kennedy Health Center
  - 164. Family Health Center of Worcester
  - 165. Hilltown Community Health Center, Inc.
  - 166. Lowell Community Health Center
  - 167. Lynn Community Health Center
  - 168. Massachusetts General Hospital—Revere School-Based Health Center
  - 169. Milford Regional Medical Centre School Based Health Center at Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School
  - 170. New England Alliance for Children's Health
  - 171. Old Bedford Village Development, Inc.
  - 172. Raw Art Works, Inc.
  - 173. River Valley Counseling Center
  - 174. School-Based Health Center Program, Baystate Medical Center

Michigan

- 175. School-Community Health Alliance of Michigan**  
❖ **An affiliate of the National Assembly on School-Based Health Care**
- 176. Baldwin Teen Health Center
  - 177. Calhoun County Health Department
  - 178. Communities In Schools of Kalamazoo
  - 179. Detroit Community Health Connection, Inc.
  - 180. Funding Solutions Corp.
  - 181. Hackley Community Care Center
  - 182. Harbor Beach Community Hospital
  - 183. Healing Hands Health Center
  - 184. Health Delivery Inc. School-Based Health Programs
  - 185. Health Department of Northwest Michigan
  - 186. Healthy Teens Community Care Center
  - 187. Henry Ford Health System
  - 188. Ingham County Health Department
  - 189. Michigan Primary Care Association
  - 190. Oakwood Healthcare System
  - 191. Oakwood Taylor Teen Health Center
  - 192. Oakwood Inkster Child & Adolescent Health Center
  - 193. Pontiac Teen Health Center
  - 194. Springfield Middle School
  - 195. White Cloud Teen Health Center

Minnesota

- 196. Minneapolis Department of Health and Family Support-School Based Clinics

Mississippi

- 197. Aaron E. Henry Community Health Services Center, Inc.

Missouri

- 198. Family Counseling Center of Missouri, Inc.
- 199. Tri-County Mental Health Services, Inc.

Nebraska

- 200. Children's Hospital & Medical Center
- 201. OneWorld Community Health Centers

New Jersey

- 202. National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP)—New Jersey Chapter
- 203. New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addictions Agencies

New Mexico

- 204. New Mexico Alliance For School-Based Health Care**
  - ❖ **An affiliate of the National Assembly on School-Based Health Care**
- 205. Albuquerque Public Schools, Bernalillo County, & City of Albuquerque (ABC) Partnership
- 206. Lion Care Health Center
- 207. Maxwell School Based Health Center
- 208. New Mexico Community Foundation—Elev8 New Mexico
- 209. New Mexico Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice
- 210. New Mexico Teen Pregnancy Coalition
- 211. Nirvana Manana Institute
- 212. Partnership for a Healthy Torrance County
- 213. Region IX Education Cooperative School Based Health Services
- 214. Roswell Independent School District (RISD) School Based Health Center
- 215. Teen Pregnancy Prevention Work Group of Dona Ana County
- 216. Torrance County Drug Free Communities Initiative
- 217. Torrance County Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force
- 218. University of New Mexico School Based Health Center Program
- 219. Youth Development Inc.

New York

- 220. New York State Coalition for School-Based Health Centers**
  - ❖ **An affiliate of the National Assembly on School-Based Health Care**
- 221. Bassett Healthcare Network School-Based Health Program
- 222. Bedford Stuyvesant Family Health Center
- 223. Brooklyn Plaza Medical Center, Inc.
- 224. Brownsville Multi-Service Family Health Center
- 225. Children's Aid Society
- 226. Carthage Area Hospital
- 227. East Harlem Council for Human Services Inc./Boriken Neighborhood Health Center
- 228. Jamaica Hospital Medical Center
- 229. Lutheran Family Health Center School Health Program
- 230. Middletown Community Health Center, Inc.
- 231. Montefiore School Health Program
- 232. Morris Heights Health Center
- 233. National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners—NY Upstate Chapter
- 234. North Country Children's Clinic, Inc.
- 235. Northshore/LIJ Health System School Based Health Centers
- 236. NYSARC Inc.—Chautauqua County Chapter
- 237. Open Door Family Medical Centers
- 238. Renaissance Health Care Network
- 239. Resource Center

New York, cont.

- 240. Sisters of Charity Hospital Catholic Health Center



- 241. South Jefferson Central Schools
- 242. St. Regis Mohawk Health Services
- 243. Threshold Center for Alternative Youth Services Inc.
- 244. Urban Health Plan
- 245. William F. Ryan Community Health Center
- 246. Winthrop University Hospital

North Carolina

- 247. North Carolina School Community Health Alliance**
  - ❖ **An affiliate of the National Assembly on School-Based Health Care**
- 248. Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Campaign of North Carolina
- 249. Albemarle Health
- 250. Blue Ridge Community Health Services, Inc.
- 251. FirstHealth of the Carolinas, Inc.
- 252. Gates County Medical Center
- 253. Graham County Department of Public Health
- 254. Robbinsville School-Based Health Center
- 255. Greene County Health Care, Inc.
- 256. Hiwassee Dam School Based Health Center
- 257. Madison County Health Department
- 258. Montgomery County School Health Centers, East & West
- 259. Montgomery County Schools
- 260. North Carolina State AFL-CIO
- 261. Patriot Place Health Center
- 262. Rockingham County Student Health Centers
- 263. Rural School and Community Trust
- 264. School Health Alliance for Forsyth County
- 265. Wayne Initiative for School Health (WISH)
- 266. Youth Empowered Solutions (YES!)

Ohio

- 267. Ohio School Based-Health Care Association**
  - ❖ **An affiliate of the National Assembly on School-Based Health Care**
- 268. Manchester Local School District
- 269. Ohio Hills Health Services
- 270. Southern Local Wellness Center-School Based Health Center
- 271. Voices for Ohio's Children

Oregon

- 272. Oregon School-Based Health Care Network**
  - ❖ **An affiliate of the National Assembly on School-Based Health Care**
- 273. Baker County Health Department School-Based Health Center
- 274. Community Health Center, Inc.
- 275. Milwaukie High School
- 276. Milwaukie High School Health and Wellness Center Youth Advisory Council
- 277. Sacagawea Health Center

Pennsylvania

- 278. Education Plus Health: Pennsylvania Association of School-Based Health Care**  
❖ **An emerging State Association of the National Assembly on School-Based Health Care**
279. Community Health & Dental Care, Inc.  
280. Erie Community Foundation  
281. Girard School District  
282. Leader Services, Pennsylvania  
283. Union City Area School District  
284. University of Pittsburgh Medical Center—Hamot

Puerto Rico

285. Health ProMed (formerly known as Belaval Community Health Center)  
286. Puerto Rico School Health Center

South Carolina

- 287. Bright Futures Pediatrics South Carolina**  
❖ **An emerging State Association of the National Assembly on School-Based Health Care**
288. Jasper County School District

Tennessee

289. Memphis City Schools Mental Health Center  
290. Monroe County Department of Education  
291. United Neighborhood Health Services

Texas

- 292. Texas Association of School Based-Health Centers**  
❖ **A state association of the National Assembly on School-Based Health Care**
293. Dallas County Hospital District  
294. Parkland Health & Hospital System  
295. Nuestra Clinica Del Valle  
296. Plainview Foundation for Rural Health Advancement  
297. Hart School Based Health Center  
298. Solutionz Conferencing Inc.  
299. Student National Pharmaceutical Association-Texas Southern University

Vermont

300. Voices for Vermont's Children

Washington

- 301. Washington Alliance for School-Based Health Centers**  
❖ **An affiliate of the National Assembly on School-Based Health Care**
302. Harborview Medical Center Department of Pediatrics  
303. HealthPoint  
304. The Highline Medical group, The Highline Medical Center  
305. Youth Health Center  
306. Kent School District  
307. Mayor Mike McGinn, City of Seattle  
308. Neighborcare Health  
309. Public Health - Seattle & King County

Washington, cont.

- 310. School Health Care Association of Spokane County
- 311. Seattle Children's Hospital
- 312. Student Health Options, Lincoln Health Center
- 313. Swedish Health Services
- 314. University of Washington Division on Adolescent Medicine

West Virginia

**315. West Virginia School-Based Health Assembly**

❖ **An affiliate of the National Assembly on School-Based Health Care**

- 316. Central Counties Area Health Education Center
- 317. Greenbrier West High School
- 318. Jackson County School-Based Health Center
- 319. Meadow Bridge Elementary
- 320. Monroe Health Center
- 321. Pocahontas County Schools
- 322. Rainelle Medical Center
- 323. Ritchie County Primary Care
- 324. River Valley Health & Wellness Center
- 325. Roane County Schools
- 326. Sherman Wellness Center (Hygiea Facilities Foundation)
- 327. Terzetto Creative, LLC
- 328. Huntington High School Health Center
- 329. Spring Valley High School Health Center
- 330. Wayne High School Health Center
- 331. WellNow
- 332. West Virginia Asthma Coalition
- 333. WV FREE
- 334. Westbrook Health Services
- 335. Wirt County Health Services Association, Inc.
- 336. Wirt County Schools Wellness Center