

August 20, 2021

The Honorable Kim Schrier  
United States House of Representatives  
1123 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Joyce  
United States House of Representatives  
1221 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Schrier and Joyce:

On behalf of organizations dedicated to improving the health and well-being of children and adolescents, we write to thank you for your leadership to secure \$25 million in funding for the Pediatric Subspecialty Loan Repayment Program (PSLRP) in the House Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Labor, Health and Human Services (HHS), Education and Related Agencies appropriations bill. This historic investment in the pediatric subspecialty workforce will help ensure children have access to the specialized care they need in their communities.

Our organizations have long advocated to increase access to pediatric medical subspecialty, pediatric surgical specialty, and child and adolescent mental health care for young people, including those with chronic conditions and serious acute illnesses who require specialized care. Congress made major progress toward this goal when it reauthorized PSLRP in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act last year. Your efforts to champion funding for the program were critical to taking this major step forward. Once enacted, this funding will allow the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to begin the work of implementing this program and providing much-needed loan repayment to pediatric subspecialists. This targeted financial support will help address high medical school or other graduate school debt that serves as a barrier to training in pediatric subspecialties and help address underlying economic factors that are driving subspecialty shortages.

We appreciate your leadership to bolster the pediatric subspecialty workforce. Thank you for all you do for children.

Sincerely,

AANS/CNS Joint Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery  
Academic Pediatric Association  
American Academy of Dermatology Association  
American Academy of Neurology  
American Academy of Ophthalmology  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Art Therapy Association  
American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus  
American Association for Psychoanalysis in Clinical Social Work  
American Association of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry  
American Association of Neurological Surgeons

American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons  
American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology  
American College of Cardiology  
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
American College of Rheumatology  
American Epilepsy Society  
American Pediatric Society  
American Psychiatric Association  
American Psychoanalytic Association  
American Society of Nephrology  
American Society of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology  
American Society of Pediatric Nephrology  
American Society of Pediatric Neurosurgeons  
American Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology  
American Thoracic Society  
Anxiety and Depression Association of America  
Arthritis Foundation  
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs  
Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs  
Child Neurology Society  
Childhood Arthritis and Rheumatology Research Alliance  
Children's Hospital Association  
Children's Wisconsin  
Congress of Neurological Surgeons  
Council of Pediatric Subspecialties (CoPS)  
Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance  
Eating Disorders Coalition for Research, Policy & Action  
Endocrine Society  
Global Alliance for Behavioral Health and Social Justice  
International Foundation for Autoimmune & Autoinflammatory Arthritis (AiArthritis)  
International OCD Foundation  
Lupus and Allied Diseases Association, Inc.  
March of Dimes  
National Association for Children's Behavioral Health  
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners  
National Coalition for Infant Health  
Nemours Children's Health System  
North American Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology  
North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition  
Pediatric Endocrine Society  
Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America  
Pediatric Policy Council  
Prevent Blindness  
School Social Work Association of America

Scoliosis Research Society  
Societies for Pediatric Urology  
Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine  
Society for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics  
Society for Pediatric Dermatology  
Society for Pediatric Research  
Society for Pediatric Urology  
Society of Critical Care Medicine  
The National Alliance to Advance Adolescent Health  
The Society of Thoracic Surgeons  
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