

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 24, 2023

The Honorable Robert Aderholt
Chairwoman
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 DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Subcommittee on
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United States House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Aderholt and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As members of Congress who are committed to improving the lives of children and adults with Tourette Syndrome in the United States, we respectfully request your support for continued funding at the enacted level of \$2.5 million in the Fiscal Year 2024 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (LHHS) Appropriations bill for the continued funding of the Tourette Syndrome Public Health Education and Research Program at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in partnership with the national Tourette Association of America.

Tourette Syndrome (TS) is a hereditary neurodevelopmental disorder that typically develops during childhood and persists into adulthood, making it a life-long condition for most individuals. The disorder affects children and adults in all racial and ethnic groups. The symptoms of this disorder are rapid, repeated, and involuntary movements and sounds called tics, which can range from mild to severe and disabling. People with TS and Tic Disorders often have other conditions, such as Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD). Tourette Syndrome is an often misunderstood and stigmatized disorder that impacts as many as 1 in 50 school aged children in the U.S. with Tourette Syndrome or another persistent Tic Disorder. Tourette Syndrome can have a profound, negative impact on the quality of life of those who are affected. The cause of the condition is unknown. There is no cure and treatment options are very limited.

In 2000, Congress passed the Children's Health Act (P.L. 106-310). This Act authorized the Tourette Syndrome Public Health, Education, and Research Outreach Program to increase recognition and diagnosis of Tourette Syndrome, decrease stigma attached to the disorder, and increase appropriate, effective treatment to those with Tourette Syndrome.

The program continues to successfully educate and train physicians, allied healthcare workers, and education professionals to ensure proper and timely diagnosis and treatment of children with Tourette Syndrome. The comprehensive epidemiological study of the disorder, also supported by

this program, will be critical for understanding and treating this disease. This study will seek to determine the prevalence of the disorder in the general population and the frequency of co-occurring disorders such as Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder. The knowledge gained from this research will greatly improve the lives of children and adults with Tourette Syndrome.

We respectfully request that you include the enacted level of \$2.5 million for the Tourette Syndrome Public Health Education and Research Program at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the FY2024 Labor HHS Appropriations bill.

We thank you and commend you for your leadership in ensuring an ongoing federal commitment to the improvement of health and the expansion of research, treatment, education, and prevention of diseases and disorders.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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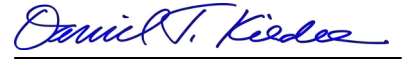
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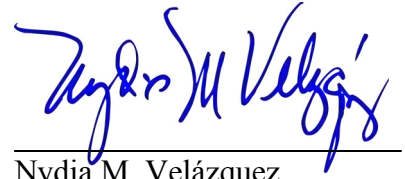
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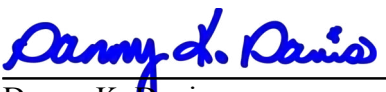
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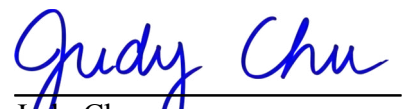
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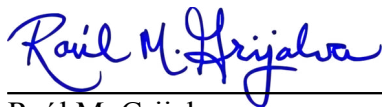
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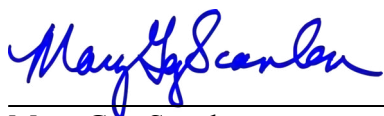
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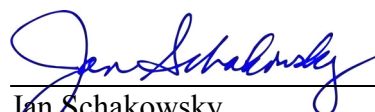
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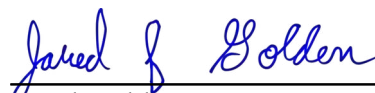
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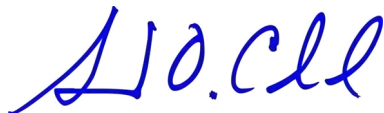
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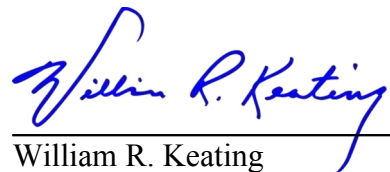
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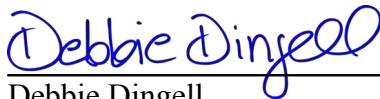
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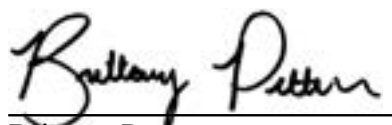
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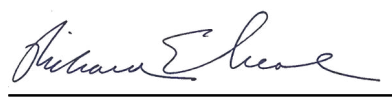
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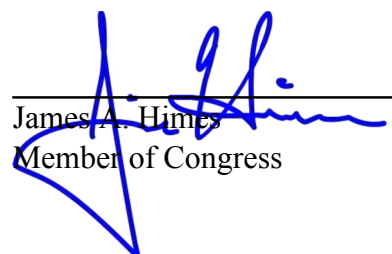
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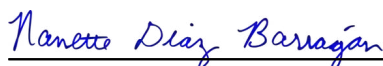
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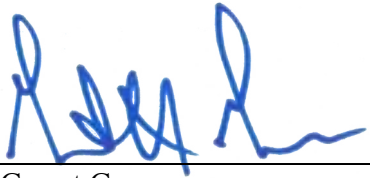
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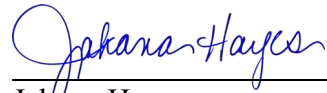
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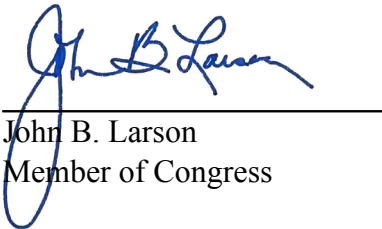
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