

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

May 14, 2025

The Honorable Robert Aderholt
Chairman
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human
Services, and Education Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human
Services, and Education Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Aderholt and Ranking Member DeLauro:

We write to request that you provide an appropriation of \$610 million for the Minority AIDS Initiative in the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations bill for fiscal year 2026.

Racial and ethnic minorities continue to be severely and disproportionately impacted by HIV/AIDS in the United States. Minorities represent the majority of new HIV diagnoses, people living with HIV/AIDS, and deaths among people with HIV/AIDS. African Americans account for 40 percent of people living with HIV/AIDS, and Hispanic/Latino Americans account for 26 percent. Asian Americans and persons of other or multiple races account for an additional 7 percent. Indeed, the rate of new HIV diagnoses among African American adults and adolescents is about 8 times that of whites, and the rate among Latinos is about 4 times that of whites.

The Minority AIDS Initiative is an indispensable tool in the effort to combat these unacceptable disparities. This critical initiative targets funds for HIV/AIDS prevention, screening, treatment, education, and outreach to minority communities heavily impacted by HIV/AIDS. The funds are provided to community-based organizations that serve minority communities to help them develop capacity and deliver culturally and linguistically appropriate care and services. Consequently, the initiative fills gaps where the needs are the greatest and strengthens efforts to fight the epidemic nationwide.

We therefore urge you to provide \$610 million for the Minority AIDS Initiative in FY 2026. We thank you for your attention to our concerns, and we look forward to working with you to expand programs for the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS in minority communities throughout the United States.

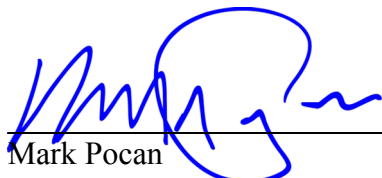
Sincerely,



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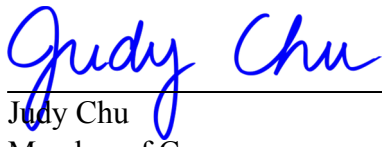
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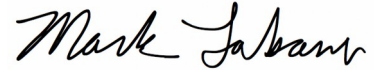
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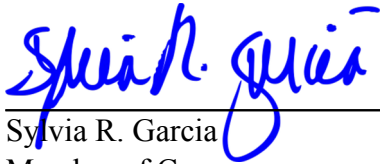
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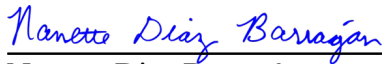
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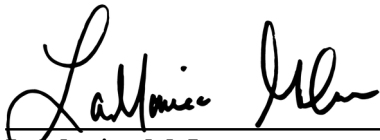
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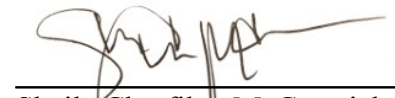
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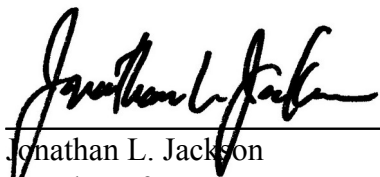
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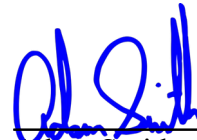
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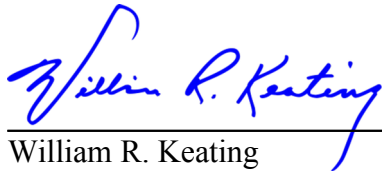
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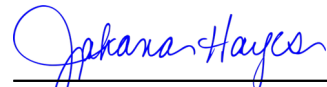
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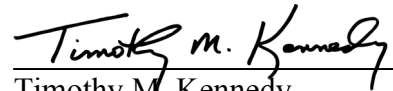
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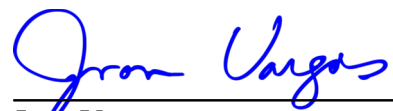
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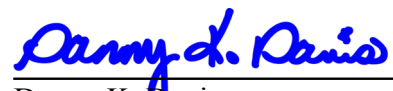
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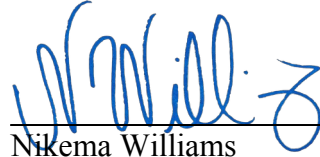
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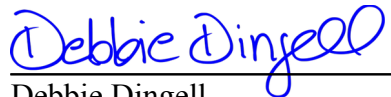
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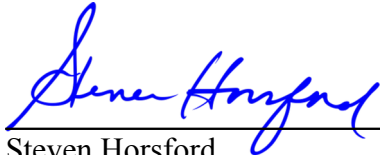
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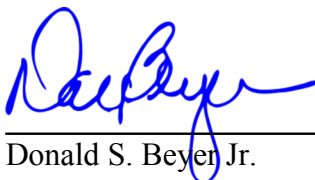
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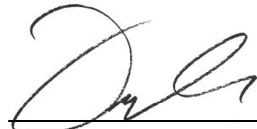
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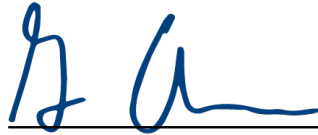
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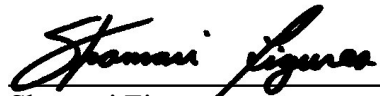
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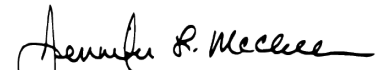
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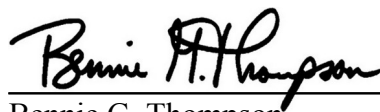
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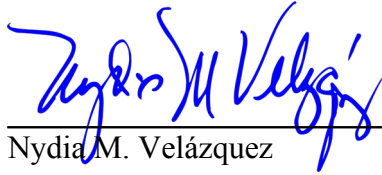
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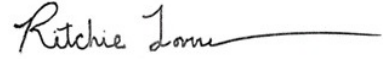
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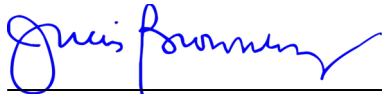
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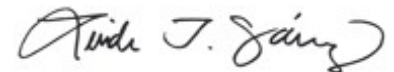
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