

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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Dr. Mehmet Oz  
Administrator  
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
200 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20201

Administrator Oz,

Thank you for your dedication to improving health outcomes for rural Americans. We write to express our support for Ohio's application for funding from the Rural Health Transformation Fund as enacted through the Working Families Tax Cuts Act, and urge your full and fair consideration of Ohio's proposal.

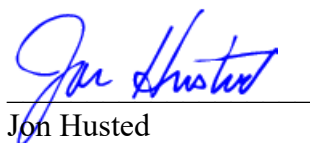
We have heard from countless constituents about the barriers that rural patients face. Ohio's application seeks to address these barriers by making targeted investments in the health care workforce through partnerships spanning high schools through medical schools, while also encouraging partnerships between hospitals, community health centers, and family physicians. This design ensures that funds awarded via the Rural Health Transformation Program create sustainable models to deliver care to rural communities.

Ohio has been diligent in taking steps that will improve health outcomes and directly target the high cost of chronic illness. For example, Ohio has worked to integrate fitness in schools across the state through the Team Tressel Fitness Challenge. Through this initiative, Ohio students are building a strong foundation of healthy habits for a lifetime. Furthermore, the state has worked to increase access for rural residents by joining the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact. This step makes it easier for rural residents to access health care providers, especially via telehealth.

Ohio's application for funding has the potential to improve the health of rural Ohioans for generations to come. We respectfully ask the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to provide full and fair consideration of Ohio's proposal.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter. We look forward to working with you in the coming years to deliver results for rural Ohioans.

Sincerely,



Jon Husted  
United States Senator

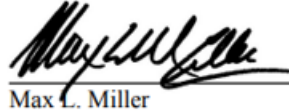


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United States Senator



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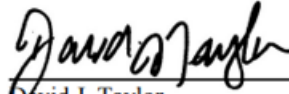
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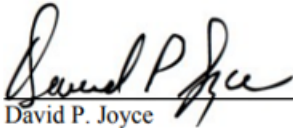
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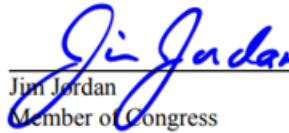
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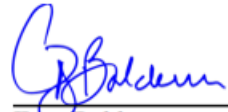
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