

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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**JOIN THE 82 MEMBERS OF THE**  
**COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS CAUCUS!**

Dear Colleague:

As Co-Chairs of the Congressional Community Health Centers Caucus, we urge you to join over 82 of your colleagues and become a member of the caucus in the 112<sup>th</sup>. This bipartisan caucus was established to support and promote policies that preserve and expand access to care for the ever-growing numbers of uninsured and underserved Americans who receive treatment in our nation's health centers.

Community health centers are local, non-profit, community-owned health care providers serving low-income and medically underserved urban and rural communities. Investment in community health centers has resulted in improved health and quality of life for millions of Americans, as well as a reduction in national health care spending.

Last year, over 1,100 health centers served over 20 million children and adults at more than 8,000 sites in urban and rural communities across the country. Community health centers offer a wide range of preventive and primary medical and dental care services, as well as health education, community outreach, transportation, and support programs.

At a cost of just \$1.67 per patient per day, health centers contribute to the strength and well being of their communities in a variety of other ways:

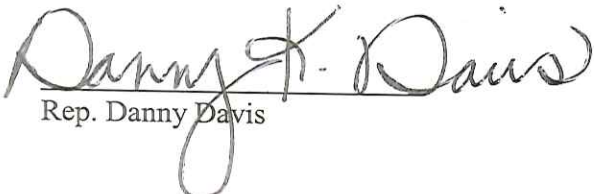
- ✓ **They create jobs and enhance the local economic base:** In 2009 alone, Health Centers nationwide generated \$20 billion in total economic benefit and produced 189,158 jobs in the nation's most economically challenged communities.
- ✓ **They save money:** Health centers keep patients out of costlier health care settings, coordinate care amongst different health providers, effectively manage chronic conditions, and save over \$1,200 per patient annually in total health care costs.
- ✓ **They foster community leadership:** The health center model provides a local solution as health centers are owned and directed by patient majority boards that ensure accountability and responsiveness to the needs of the communities they serve.

Community health centers are a proven, viable, and cost effective way to bring real health care to millions of Americans. We invite you to support these important health facilities by joining the Community Health Centers Caucus. If you would like to become a member or have questions about the caucus, please contact Heather Gasper in Rep. Capuano's office at 5-5111.

Sincerely,

  
Rep. Michael Capuano

  
Rep. Kay Granger

  
Rep. Danny Davis

  
Rep. Tim Griffin