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The Honorable Joe Pitts  
Chair, Subcommittee on Health  
Energy and Commerce Committee  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone  
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Health  
Energy and Commerce Committee  
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Dear Chairman Pitts and Ranking Member Pallone:

On behalf of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), I write to thank you for reintroducing the *Children's Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act*. The AAMC represents all 141 accredited U.S. medical schools; nearly 400 major teaching hospitals and health systems, including 51 Department of Veterans Affairs' medical centers; and nearly 90 academic and scientific societies. Through these institutions and organizations, the AAMC represents 128,000 faculty members, 75,000 medical students, and 110,000 resident physicians.

As you know, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)'s Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education (CHGME) program provides critical support for freestanding children's hospitals to strengthen training opportunities for the future primary and specialty care workforce for our nation's children, to enhance research capabilities, and to provide outpatient ambulatory care and inpatient critical care for vulnerable and underserved children.

Your leadership on this legislation will enable the program to continue to support these activities at institutions across the country. As the nation's supply of physicians shrinks and demand continues to grow, support for physician education and training will be essential to ensure patient access to care. Thank you again for championing this measure and for your commitment to education and training opportunities for the next generation of physicians. We look forward to working with you toward enactment and full funding for this critical program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Atul Grover", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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