

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

April 27, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Subcommittee on Labor, Health
and Human Services, Education,
and Related Agencies
2358-B Rayburn Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor, Health
and Human Services, Education
and Related Agencies
1036 Longworth Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Cole:

We respectfully request the inclusion of \$11.5 million in funding for the Military and Civilian Partnership for the Trauma Readiness Grant Program in the fiscal year 2023 (FY 2023) Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. More commonly known as MISSION Zero, this grant program provides funding to civilian trauma centers to train and incorporate military trauma care providers and teams into these critical care centers.

MISSION Zero stems from the June 2016 National Academy of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine (NASEM) report entitled "*A National Trauma Care System: Integrating Military and Civilian Trauma Systems to Achieve Zero Preventable Deaths After Injury*." This report outlines 11 recommendations necessary to secure a national trauma system and sets the goal of achieving zero preventable deaths. One recommendation calls for the establishment of military-civilian trauma partnerships to help further reduce the number of preventable traumatic deaths.

This bipartisan program was authorized in the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness and Advancing Innovation Act of 2019 (PAHPAI), and initial funding was provided for the program in the FY 2022 omnibus appropriations bill. Continued funding will ensure trauma care readiness by integrating military trauma care providers into civilian trauma centers in our districts.

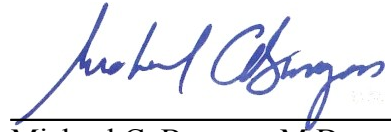
According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), trauma is the leading cause of death for children and adults under age 44. MISSION Zero funding will improve our nation's response to these emergencies and mitigate some of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on trauma centers, including filling gaps in staffing shortages. These partnerships will allow for best practices from the battlefield to be brought home to further advance access to trauma care for civilians, while enhancing trauma training for our military health care personnel.

We appreciate your thoughtful consideration of our request to fund MISSION Zero at the authorized level of \$11.5 million in fiscal year 2023. We believe this grant program will ensure that the medical workforce, both civilian and military, are prepared for future health emergencies at home and abroad.

Sincerely,



Kathy Castor
Member of Congress



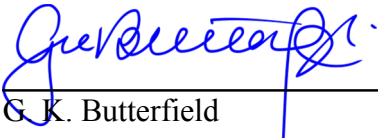
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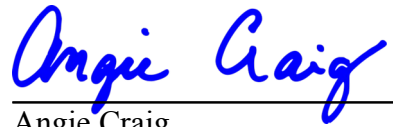
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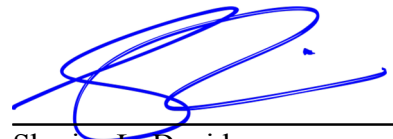
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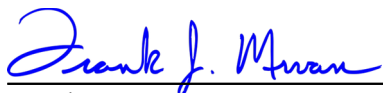
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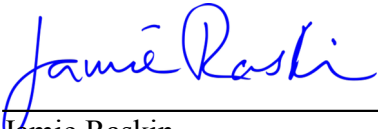
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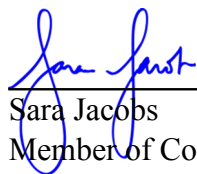
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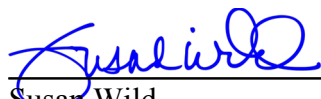
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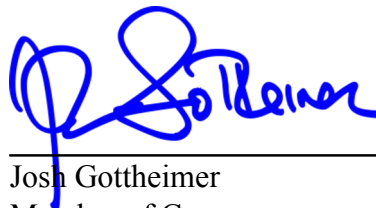
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