

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole, Chairman
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and
Human Services, and Education
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and
Human Services, Education
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As you consider the FY2016 Labor, Health, and Human Services and Education Appropriations bill, we write to express our strong support for the Department of Labor's Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) and the Department of Health and Human Service's Congregate Nutrition Services program. These programs provide cost-effective services that help seniors maintain their financial and social independence.

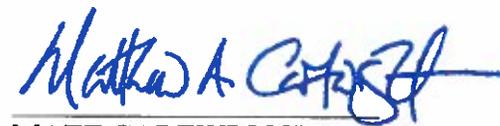
SCSEP helps seniors remain active in the workforce and make meaningful contributions to their communities. As seniors provide community service while gaining valuable employment skills, they can transition into unsubsidized employment. This program promotes health and well-being and enables seniors to use their knowledge and experience for the betterment of society.

Congregate Nutrition Services addresses seniors' health more directly by providing valuable nutritional assistance and balanced meals. The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics has assessed that the cost of one day in a hospital is roughly the same as providing a patient with one year of meals through the Older Americans Act nutrition programs such as Congregate Nutrition Services. This program keeps seniors healthy and productive.

We urge you to the President's budget request for these programs - \$434.4 million for SCSEP and \$458 million for CNS.

Respectfully,


GRACE MENG
Member of Congress

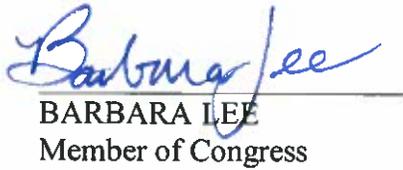

MATT CARTWRIGHT
Member of Congress


DAVID N. CICILLINE
Member of Congress

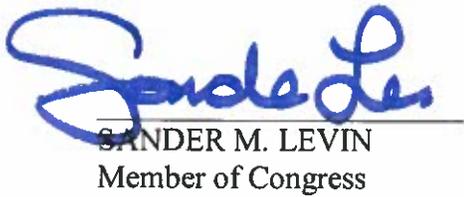

YVETTE CLARKE
Member of Congress

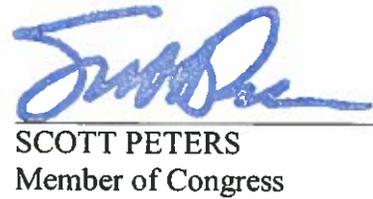

JOHN CONYERS, JR.
Member of Congress

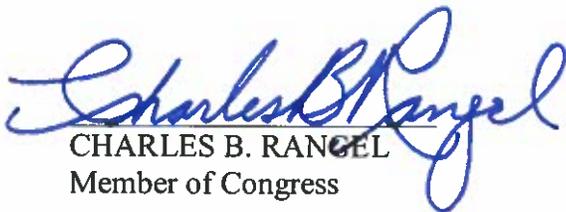

RICK LARSEN
Member of Congress

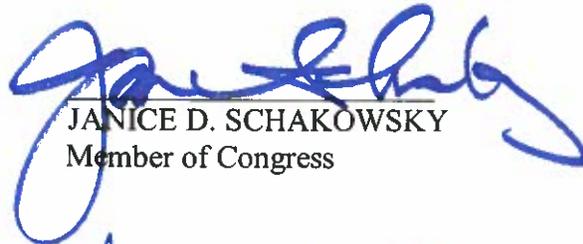

BARBARA LEE
Member of Congress

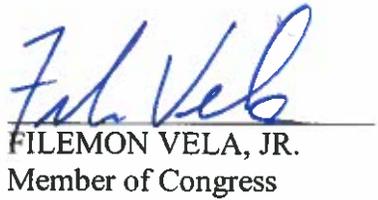

SHEILA JACKSON LEE
Member of Congress


SANDER M. LEVIN
Member of Congress


SCOTT PETERS
Member of Congress


CHARLES B. RANGEL
Member of Congress


JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY
Member of Congress


FILEMON VELA, JR.
Member of Congress


FREDERICA S. WILSON
Member of Congress