

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Mike DeWine
Governor of Ohio
Riffe Center, 30th Floor
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Dear Governor Mike DeWine:

As members of Ohio's congressional delegation who voted to pass the Working Families Tax Cut into law, **we are writing to express our support for ensuring Rural Health Transformation Program dollars go to truly rural areas and truly rural providers.**

As you know, on July 4, 2025, President Trump signed the Working Families Tax Cut into law. Along with tax cuts for the working class, this bill establishes the Rural Health Transformation Program, which will allocate \$50 billion to improve health outcomes across rural America.

The Rural Health Transformation Program was designed specifically to address the unique challenges facing rural patients and providers. Rural Americans tend to skew older, have higher rates of chronic disease, and must travel further for appointments. Additionally, in the last 15 years, more than 150 rural hospitals have closed across the U.S., and many more face uncertain financial outlooks, threatening access to care for many rural Ohioans.

We are extremely optimistic that the Rural Health Transformation Program can be a game-changer in facing these challenges. With these dollars, Ohio can make precise investments to sustainably improve rural health outcomes. This includes addressing the health care workforce shortage, helping ensure sustainable access to care, and accelerating collaborative efforts among rural providers.

This program is about specifically ensuring rural Americans are not left behind. Necessarily, part of that is ensuring rural health care providers are not left behind. Indicative of the intent, the Rural Health Transformation Program was created under Title VII, Subtitle B, Chapter 4, which is titled "Protecting Rural Hospitals and Providers" and contains several references in the statute to "rural hospitals" and "rural residents."

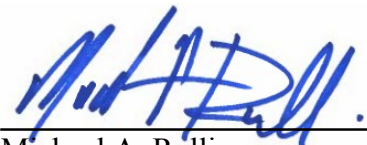
To that end, we strongly recommend that Rural Health Transformation Program dollars are directed toward initiatives that support entities such as independent rural hospitals, rural Federally Qualified Health Centers, and creative solutions to address health care gaps.

We appreciate your attention to this urgent matter, and we are sympathetic to the quick timeline that states face in submitting their application to CMS. We stand ready to help the state of Ohio in whatever capacity we can. We look forward to your swift action and response.

Sincerely,



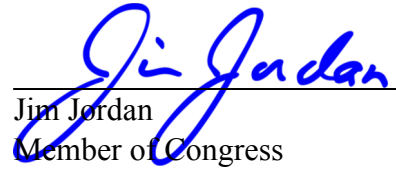
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