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RE: DOH Primary Health Care Practitioner line item and Family Medicine Residency Expansion

Dear Leader Costa and Chairman Hughes,

I write to express my support for an increase of \$1 million in the Primary Health Care Practitioner line item under the Department of Health in the 2022-23 state budget, as well as codification of the Family Medicine Residency Expansion Program in the fiscal code.

The Family Medicine Residency Expansion Program, administered by the Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians (PAFP), helps fund nine residency slots in four participating residency programs across the Commonwealth: Allegheny Health Network Forbes Family Medicine Residency in Allegheny County; ExcelsiorHealth Latrobe Family Medicine Residency in Westmoreland County; University of Pennsylvania Family Medicine Residency in Philadelphia; and UPMC Altoona Family Medicine Residency in Blair County.

Codification of the Residency Expansion Program and an increase in the line item will help fund additional family medicine residency slots – increasing the number of critically-needed family physicians available to treat patients in Pennsylvania.

The Primary Health Care Practitioner line item has been level funded at \$4.5 million since 2014. A long overdue increase to \$5.5 million will help expand access to quality, affordable health care across the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lindsey M. Williams".

Lindsey M. Williams
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