Friends of the Health Resources and Services Administration

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The Friends of HRSA is a non-partisan alliance of more than 175 broad national organizations dedicated to improving health through high-quality primary and preventive services and a well prepared health care workforce. The coalition's principal goal is to ensure that HRSA's programs receive adequate funding in order to reach individuals and families who are medically vulnerable, low-income and geographically isolated, including the 55 million Americans who are currently uninsured; 60 million Americans who live in neighborhoods where primary health care services are scarce; more than one million people living with HIV/AIDS; 44 million vulnerable mothers and children; and more than 100,000 Americans waiting for an organ transplant. **For FY 2014, the Friends of HRSA supports minimum funding of $7.0 billion for HRSA's total discretionary budget authority to respond to the public health needs of our nation.** We are deeply concerned with the failure to avert sequestration that will cut over $311 million from HRSA's FY 2013 discretionary funding and will mean additional cuts in FY 2014 and beyond. These cuts come on top of the roughly 17 percent to HRSA's budget authority since FY 2010.

The $7.0 billion funding request is based on the need to continue improving the health of Americans by supporting critical HRSA programs including:

- Health Professions programs: support the education and training of primary care physicians, nurses, dentists, optometrists, public health personnel, mental and behavioral health professionals and other allied health providers; improve the distribution and diversity of health professionals in medically underserved communities and ensure a sufficient and capable workforce able to provide care for the nation's growing, aging and increasingly diverse population.

- Primary Care programs: support nearly 8,900 community health centers and clinics in every state and territory, improving access to preventive and primary care to more than 20 million people in geographically isolated and economically distressed communities, providing a full spectrum of health services.

- Maternal and Child Health programs: Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant, Healthy Start and others support many initiatives designed to promote optimal health, reduce disparities, combat infant mortality, prevent chronic conditions and improve access to quality health care for more than 40 million women and children, including children with special health care needs.

- HIV/AIDS programs: provide assistance to states and communities most severely affected by HIV/AIDS; provide education and training for health professionals treating people with HIV/AIDS; work to address the disproportionate impact of HIV/AIDS on racial and ethnic minorities. Ryan White Program delivers comprehensive care, prescription drug assistance and support services for about 529,000 people living with HIV/AIDS.

- Family Planning: Title X services ensure access to a broad range of reproductive, sexual and related preventive health care for over 5 million poor and low-income women, men and adolescents at nearly 4,400 health centers nationwide. This program helps improve maternal and child health outcomes and promotes healthy families.

- Rural Health programs: improve access to care for people living in rural areas where there is a shortage of health services; support community-based disease prevention and health promotion projects, help rural hospitals and clinics implement new technologies and strategies and build health system capacity in rural and frontier areas.

- Special Programs: maintain and facilitate organ marrow and cord blood donation, transplantation and research, along with efforts to promote awareness and increase organ donation rates.

HRSA Total, Discretionary Budget Authority (Dollars in billions)

FY12 Actual	FY13 Operating Level	FY14 President's Request	FY14 FHRSA Request
$6.215	$5.864	$6.022	$7.000