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Dear Ms. Kanodia:

I write this letter in support of Generations Family Health Center's (Generations) New Access Point Grant application administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The New Access Point Grant will allow this Federally Qualified Health Center to expand the scope of their organization to include a multi-service site in the town of Putnam. This support which will provide medical, oral and behavioral health services is desperately needed in the northeast corner of the state.

The Town of Putnam is rural community characterized as a distressed municipality by the State of Connecticut. Their per capita income is 70% of the state average and 22% of Putnam's populations live more than 200% below the poverty level. With this new facility Generations will be able to provide over 20,000 medical, dental and behavioral health visits. Generations has a proven track record of providing high quality health services across Eastern CT. I urge you to fully fund the New Access Point Grant application for Generations Family Health Center.

I thank the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Bureau of Primary Health Care for administering the New Access Point Grant application process. Please let me know if there is anything else my office can do to further assist Generations' application. If you should have any questions please do not hesitate to contact my District Director Jenny Contois at 860-886-0139.

Best Wishes,

JOE COURTNEY
 Member of Congress