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The Honorable Fred Upton
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Henry Waxman
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
2322A Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Upton and Ranking Member Waxman:

On behalf of the more than 2,700 U.S. hospitals and 90,000-plus other healthcare sites in the Premier healthcare alliance, we are writing in support of the Children's Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act of 2013 (H.R. 297).

Because of the Children's Hospital Graduate Medical Education (CHGME) program, children's hospitals have been able to grow their teaching and training programs for both primary and pediatric specialty care without sacrificing quality. Like the Medicare Graduate Medical Education funding other teaching hospitals receive, CHGME support is critically important to children's hospitals, particularly at a time when hospitals face cuts to Medicare and Medicaid funding.

The Children's Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act of 2013 will continue support of a program that trains 40 percent of all pediatricians and ensures that quality care is provided to the children who need it most. We thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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