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Carole Johnson, Administrator
Health Resources and Services Administration
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, Maryland 20857

Dear Administrator Johnson:

I write in support of the application from Whitney M. Young Jr. Health Center (“Whitney Young Health”) to the Teaching Health Center Planning and Development Program. Whitney Young Health is proposing to establish a community-based, one-year dental residency program in New York’s Capital Region.

Whitney Young Health is a Federally Qualified Health Center that has been providing healthcare services and community resources in New York’s Capital Region for over 50 years, including dental services for low incomes communities and Medicaid recipients. The demand for dental services has increased dramatically in New York due to the expansion of those qualifying for Medicaid. In New York, enrollment increased from 4.9 million in March 2020 to 6.6 million enrollees as of May 2022. Whitney Young Health seeks to respond to this growing need for dental service providers by establishing a residency program that will ensure access to quality dental care for thousands of Capital Region Residents.

Like you, I am committed to providing equitable and accessible healthcare to vulnerable populations and underserved communities. Your full and fair consideration of this request, consistent with current laws, rules, regulations, and agency policy, is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul D. Tonko".

PAUL D. TONKO
Member of Congress