

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

October 21, 2016

The Honorable Sylvia Burwell
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Health Resources and Services Administration
200 Independence Ave SW
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Burwell:

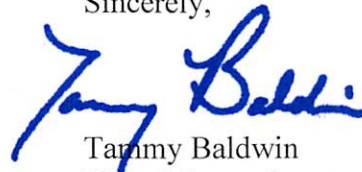
I am pleased to support Progressive Community Health Centers application for continued federal funding through the Health Resources and Services Administration Affordable Care Service Area Competition Grant Program. Progressive Community Health Centers (Progressive CHC) plays a critical role in ensuring equal access to quality health care among vulnerable populations throughout Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Since 1999, Progressive CHC has been a trusted resource in the community by providing culturally competent health care services. In conjunction with the Affordable Care Act, Progressive CHC has experienced increased capacity to care for more patients, launched new services, and sustained valuable quality improvement programs. Within the last 18 months, Progressive CHC has opened three new clinics, including the newly constructed 42,000 square foot Lisbon Avenue Health Center and an innovative urgent care and primary care delivery model co-located at Aurora Sinai Medical Center. These investments have not only resulted in more efficient care, but also positively influenced local economic and workforce development efforts.

In addition, Progressive CHC is actively involved in addressing the systemic causes of socioeconomic and health disparities through its focus on chronic disease prevention, outreach and enrollment, and increased care management with local hospitals and other safety net clinics. Such efforts have yielded significant cost savings to health systems and taxpayers by decreasing avoidable emergency room visits, duplicative testing, unnecessary procedures and related hospitalizations.

I strongly support programs that provide crucial health care services for our Wisconsin communities. For this reason, I respectfully ask that you give full and fair consideration to Progressive Community Health Center's application for continued funding. Please keep Jessica Sielaff in my Madison Office informed on the progress of this application and contact her should you have further questions or concerns. She may be reached at 30 West Mifflin Street, Suite 700, Madison, Wisconsin 53703, by phone at 608-264-5338, or by email at projects_grants@baldwin.senate.gov. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Tammy Baldwin
United States Senator

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