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The Honorable Rudy Yakym
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Yakym,

On behalf of HealthLinc, I want to express our strong support for your leadership and the Indiana delegation's letter to Secretary Kennedy and Administrator Oz, urging the highest possible allocation of Rural Health Transformation Program funding to Indiana.

As a federally qualified health center, we see firsthand the challenges our rural patients face in accessing timely, high-quality care. Indiana's 1.49 million rural residents rely on providers like ours, yet we are contending with hospital closures, provider shortages, gaps in maternal care and emergency response delays that put families at risk. These barriers not only strain our communities today but also threaten the long-term health outcomes of future generations.

The Rural Health Transformation Program represents a critical opportunity to address these challenges. To maximize the federal dollars available, including the dedicated and high-quality work of Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) in Indiana's application and planning process, will provide the best return on investment for these funds.

Increased federal investment, especially directed to FQHCs that frequently operate in medically underserved areas such as these, will strengthen rural health systems, keep vital services available close to home, expand preventive and primary care, and ensure that Hoosiers, no matter where they live, can access the care they need and deserve.

We are grateful for your commitment to ensuring Indiana's rural communities receive the resources necessary to thrive. HealthLinc stands ready to partner with you and our federal and state leaders to ensure this transformative investment has the greatest possible impact on our patients and families.

Sincerely,

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