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Senate Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies
Appropriations subcommittee
131 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Senate Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies
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Chairman David Obey
House Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies
Appropriations subcommittee
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House Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies
Appropriations subcommittee
1016 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chairmen Harkin and Obey and Ranking Members Specter and Walsh:

We write to you today as supporters of Johanna's Law, the Gynecologic Cancer Education and Awareness Act, to request that you retain the \$6.75 million in funding for this law contained in the Fiscal Year 2008 Labor, Health and Human Services, And Education conference agreement in the final FY 2008 appropriations measure. Johanna's Law was signed into law in January of this year and authorizes \$16.5 million for a federal awareness and education campaign aimed at health care providers and women regarding the signs and symptoms of gynecologic cancers. This funding is vital to protect women against these deadly diseases.

We appreciate that the Labor HHS bill included \$6.75 million for Johanna's Law, and we ask that the final FY 2008 appropriations measure include the same. This funding is necessary to protect women and their families from gynecologic cancers that can be difficult to detect. Due to the lack of a reliable screening test, for example, 75 percent of ovarian cancer cases are diagnosed in an advanced stage when the five-year survival rate

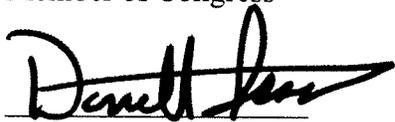
is below 30 percent. Funding is needed to provide information and education on warning signs and symptoms in order to catch these cancers at their earliest stages and when they are most treatable.

We recognize the difficult task you have to perform in order to balance numerous appropriations needs, and we thank you for considering funding for this vital program.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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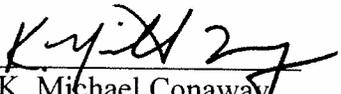
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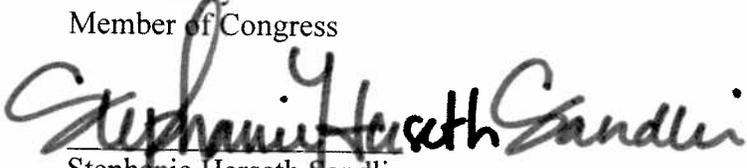
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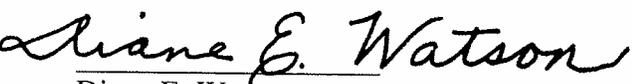
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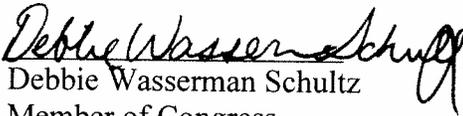
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