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## **SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CARE ADVOCATES & SUPPORTERS VOW TO KEEP H.R. 1214 FROM BECOMING LAW**

### ***House Votes 235 to 191 to Defund School-Based Health Center Grants; NASBHC Condemns Attempt to Cut Services for Children and Adolescents***

(Washington, DC) This afternoon, the House of Representatives voted 235 to 191 to pass H.R. 1214, which would defund grants for school-based health centers (SBHCs). The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act appropriated \$50 million a year for 4 years in funding for renovation, construction and equipment grants to SBHCs. The National Assembly on School-Based Health Care (NASBHC) – along with SBHC advocates and supporters – vow to keep H.R. 1214 from becoming law.

The following is a statement by Linda Juszczak, Executive Director of NASBHC:

“A little over a year ago, Congress provided a one-time series of grants for construction, renovation, and equipment for school-based health centers. This was a historic achievement for children and adolescents, as no other source of federal funding uniquely supports SBHCs.

“Demonstrating a high level of interest and need, more than 350 applicants from around the nation used valuable time and resources to submit applications for the first round of competitive grants. Once awarded, this funding will not only help build new clinics in communities that desire them, it will allow existing SBHCs to improve their space in order to better meet the needs of their patients. This funding will also allow SBHCs to switch over to electronic medical records, and to purchase dental equipment to provide oral health services. These are just some of the ways that applicants plan to use this funding to improve access to care for children and adolescents in communities across the nation.

“Despite professed support for school-based health centers, some in Congress won’t stand behind their rhetoric. The bottom line is that those who voted for H.R. 1214 voted against a critical and cost-effective part of our nation’s health care safety net for students.

“Fortunately, the fight is far from over. H.R. 1214 must still pass the Senate and get signed into law by President Obama before it will go into effect. NASBHC, our champions on Capitol Hill, and SBHC supporters across the country will do everything in our power to prevent this from happening.

“NASBHC thanks all who voted against H.R. 1214 this afternoon for recognizing the importance of funding the critical work of school-based health centers. We thank Representatives Dingell, Capps, Pallone, and Waxman for their steadfast support, and thank Representatives Christensen, Courtney, Edwards, Engel, Jackson-Lee, George Miller, Moran, and Polis for speaking in support of SBHCs during the hearing.”

- Learn more about SBHCs: [www.nasbhc.org/aboutsbhcs](http://www.nasbhc.org/aboutsbhcs)

- NASBHC Fact Sheet: Funding for SBHCs Under the Affordable Care Act:  
[http://www.nasbhc.org/atf/cf/{CD9949F2-2761-42FB-BC7A-CEE165C701D9}/SBHC PPACA FACT SHEET 3.8.11.PDF](http://www.nasbhc.org/atf/cf/{CD9949F2-2761-42FB-BC7A-CEE165C701D9}/SBHC_PPACA_FACT_SHEET_3.8.11.PDF)
- NASBHC's letter to Representatives Upton, Pitts, Waxman, and Pallone signed by 320 national and state-based organizations: <http://bit.ly/fg8HLA>
- White House Statement of Administration Policy on H.R. 1214:  
[http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/legislative/sap/112/saphr1214r\\_20110502.pdf](http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/legislative/sap/112/saphr1214r_20110502.pdf)

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