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Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP)

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Dear HCOP Supporter,

We would like to thank you and express our sincere appreciation for your support of our Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP) as we continue our campaign to sustain its full funding. We are pleased to share with you that we have successfully responded to the national campaign and have received positive feedback from our U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives.

We believe that these efforts have made an impact in the U.S. Congress, as we have learned that Congress has proposed a possible continuation of funding for Title VII Health Professions Training Programs, which include HCOP. This information is encouraging, considering previous proposed legislation that would have led to the elimination of Health Careers Opportunity Programs (HCOP) and a 50% cut in the Minority Centers of Excellence (COE) program after August, 2012.

As we begin 2012, we will continue our efforts to make our voices heard by sending letters of support and signed petitions to our legislators.

Again, we are most grateful to you for voicing your concerns, as an HCOP supporter, for full funding for our program. We are very proud of what we have achieved and look forward to upholding the HCOP pipeline to the allied health professions in the Amityville, Brentwood, William Floyd and Wyandanch School Districts.

Sincerely,



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