

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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Mr. James Macrae, MA, MPP  
Associate Administrator  
Bureau of Primary Health Care  
Health Resources and Services Administration  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
5600 Fishers Lane  
Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Mr. Macrae:

We write in support of the application submitted by the Penobscot Community Health Center, Inc., (PCHC) to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for continuation funding through the Health Center Program. If funded, PCHC will have the necessary resources to continue serving the health needs of rural Maine.

Since 1997, PCHC has provided comprehensive and integrated health services for their more than 60,000 patients and communities at health sites across rural Maine. PCHC is an integral part of improving the health and wellbeing of patients and Maine communities in its service territory, focusing on physical and emotional wellness, personal dignity, and a sense of belonging. PCHC's services include primary health care, dental care, integrated mental health, pharmacy, physical therapy, case management, health and nutrition education, chronic disease management, speech and audiology services, and other related medical specialties. With 17 years in operation as a Federally Qualified Health Center, PCHC has a long history of success in meeting the needs of medically underserved patients and communities across the region and managing federal grant programs. A continuation of HRSA funding would ensure that PCHC can continue its essential programming for years to come.

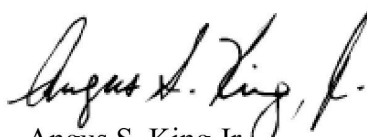
Thank you for your time on behalf of PCHC. We request your careful consideration of its proposal, subject to all applicable laws and regulations, and ask that your staff please notify

when a final decision has been made.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator



Angus S. King Jr.  
United States Senator



Jared F. Golden  
Member of Congress