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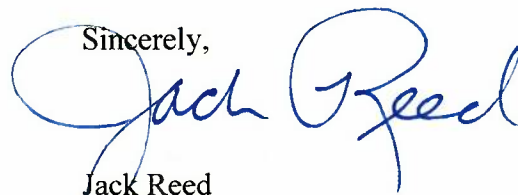
Dear Mr. Engels:

I write in support of East Bay Community Action Program's (EBCAP) application for continued funding through the Health Resources and Services Administration Bureau of Primary Health Care's Section 330 Service Area Competition Program. This funding would increase the program's capacity to provide comprehensive primary care to low-income and underserved children and families in the area who would otherwise be without primary care.

EBCAP is a Federally Qualified Community Health Center that operates two community health centers, one in Newport serving Newport County, and one in East Providence. These health centers serve several surrounding communities including East Providence, Barrington, Warren, Bristol, Little Compton, Tiverton, Portsmouth, Middletown, Newport and Jamestown. EBCAP remains the only organization in Rhode Island that has both a state certified Community Mental Health Center and Integrated Health Home status. As a result, EBCAP now offers an enriched and fully integrated model of comprehensive primary medical, dental and behavioral health care and an extensive array of enabling services to individuals and families served by the health centers.

This funding is essential for EBCAP to continue their present operations, expand services, and meet the demands of an increased client base. I support EBCAP's proposal and request your consideration of this application within all applicable rules and regulations.

Sincerely,



Jack Reed
United States Senator