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Dear Mr. Merlo, Mr. Casey and Mr. DuPont,

I am writing today to express my appreciation and recognition of CVS Health Workforce Initiatives for its contribution to supporting the academic achievement of at-risk and underserved students in my district.

Your leadership and support of the creation of the SMART™ Student Health and Wellness Centers at Chicago's Sullivan High School and Kilmer Elementary and Middle School, with collaborating partner Ginn Group Consulting, has had a profoundly positive impact on the students at these schools.

For too many of our students, the barriers to good physical and emotional health are negatively impacting their capacity to learn and subsequent socio-economic life trajectories. The SMART™ model's approach to ensuring the wellness of every student in the building, with the purpose of academic achievement, is unique and yields powerful results.

Sullivan High School, my alma mater, has seen dramatically improved academic outcomes. With the *Active Care* model in place and the team working in close partnership with Principal Chad Adams and his staff, Sullivan's student attendance rate increased nearly 10%, Freshmen On-Track rates increased 27%, disciplinary referrals plummeted by 72%. Over the past four years, these metrics have continued to improve, in addition to positively impacting the younger students at the adjacent Kilmer Elementary and Middle School.

I appreciate that CVS Health so actively supports innovation in a health care delivery channel that connects to education and great workforce outcomes.

It was my honor to join you on May 18, 2017, at the Ronald Reagan Building for the Inaugural SMART™ Congressional Briefing and Symposium. I appreciated the presentation of the White Paper on the SMART™ model by Brown University's Dr. Liza Cariaga-Lo, recognizing SMART™ as an emerging national model. The fact that you brought all the key stakeholders in from the Chicago SMART™ clinic, including Principal Adams and the Heartland Health Centers team, made the gathering more impactful and particularly special for me.

I am so excited about the potential of this model to support and improve public schools across the country and look forward to working with CVS Health, Melanie Ginn and SMART team, Principal Adams and Principal Papagianis to advance the replication and expansion of the model.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jan Schakowsky". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jan" being particularly prominent and stylized.

Jan Schakowsky
Member of Congress

cc. Melanie Ginn
Chad Adams