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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on
Labor, Health and Human Services,
Education, and Related Agencies
Chair, Appropriations Committee
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole
Ranking Member, Appropriations
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and
Human Services, Education, and
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United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Cole,

Thank you for your strong support for the backbone of the US data infrastructure in the FY23 Labor-HHS-Education appropriations. We are especially grateful for the FY23 levels for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). We also appreciate the wise investments in the National Center for Education Statistics, National Institutes of Health and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

The additional funding for NCHS could be put to immediate and effective use to improve health statistics broadly while also helping the agency to maintain current programs, thereby helping our country better track and address issues in health and healthcare. We also applaud the House language for NCHS to be fully integrated in the Data Modernization Initiative.

The BLS funding level would help the agency [improve its programs](#) monitoring and reporting our nation's workforce, work conditions, productivity, and inflation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ron Wasserstein'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Ron Wasserstein
Executive Director