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

Dear Representative DeLauro,

Thank you for your strong support for the backbone of the US data infrastructure in 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 will be put quickly to 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. The $15 million in additional funding for NCES, including $10 million for the statistics line, will be put to immediate use to help families, schools, and administrators make better decisions.

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

Sincerely,

Ron Wasserstein
Executive Director