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The Honorable Roy Blunt
Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on
Labor, Health and Human Services,
Education, and Related Agencies
United States Senate
Washington DC, 20510

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

The Honorable Patty Murray
Ranking Member, Appropriations
Subcommittee on Labor,
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United States Senate
Washington DC, 20510

The Honorable Tom Cole
Ranking Member, Appropriations
Subcommittee on Labor,
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United States House of Representatives
Washington DC, 20515

Dear Chairs DeLauro and Blunt and Ranking Members Murray and Cole,

Thank you for the strong support of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Center for Education Statistics, National Center for Health Statistics, and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for fiscal year 2021. We appreciate the budget increases for each, which will help the agencies fulfill their missions in support of our country's health, economy, and education. The three statistical agencies in your bill are critical parts of our data infrastructure and their products will be especially vital in the recovery from the pandemic. The importance of NIH to our nation's health is evident in countless ways, most recently and resoundingly demonstrated through its contributions to Covid-19 vaccines.

I appreciate your support for these agencies and extend my best wishes for the new year.

Sincerely,

Ron Wasserstein
Executive Director