

# Congress of the United States

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March 27, 2026

The Honorable Robert Aderholt  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human  
Services, Education, and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human  
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Dear Chairman Aderholt and Ranking Member DeLauro,

As you begin work on the Fiscal Year 2027 Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations bill, we write to express our strong support for including \$10 million in funding for the Holocaust Survivor Assistance Program (HSAP) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This is a timely and necessary program that, since its creation, has established a track record of success beyond its initial expectations, all the while in a cost-effective manner. In addition, it responds to an immediate bipartisan public policy priority to assist Holocaust survivors as well as address the emerging needs of other diverse aging populations impacted by trauma, including aging military veterans and first responders.

After witnessing the darkest period of the last century and demonstrating the resiliency of the human spirit, survivors built a new life in the United States, raised families, and enriched our country. Many are aged 85 or older. As a group, Holocaust survivors are subject to increased risk of depression, social isolation, and extremely poor outcomes associated with institutionalization, which can trigger the traumas of the forced institutionalizations and relocations experienced during the Holocaust.

HSAP established the Jewish Federations' Center on Aging, Trauma, and Holocaust Survivor Care, which leverages public-private partnership opportunities with nonprofits, foundations, and the private sector to address the urgent needs of the survivor population and the nonprofit organizations and family caregivers that support them. The work of the Center has led to the development of innovative Person-Centered, Trauma-Informed (PCTI) approaches that can ameliorate increased risks.

PCTI care is a holistic approach that promotes the dignity, strength, and empowerment of trauma victims by incorporating knowledge about the role of trauma in victims' lives into agency programs, policies and procedures. It combines the core principles of person-centered care (e.g., self-determination, choice, empowerment, and individual preference) with the core activities of trauma-informed systems espoused by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Over 400 different PCTI based programs have been implemented through the Holocaust Survivor Assistance Program. These programs are designed to assist survivors' physical, mental,

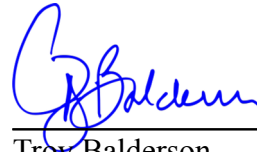
and cognitive health, as well as reduce isolation. Several programs train professionals (e.g., physicians, dentists, lawyers, social workers, nurses, and home health care workers), volunteers, and family caregivers on how to provide PCTI care. To date, the program served more than 50,000 Holocaust survivors, more than 10,000 of their family caregivers, and nearly 26,000 professional service providers and volunteers who work at social service agencies that provide services to Holocaust survivors.

Thank you for the subcommittee's previous support of HSAP and we urge you to prioritize in FY 2027 this cost-effective, innovative initiative to support Holocaust survivors and advance broader PCTI approaches.

Sincerely,



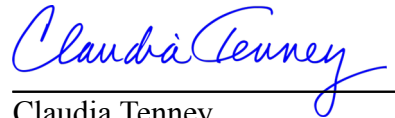
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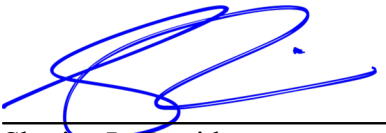
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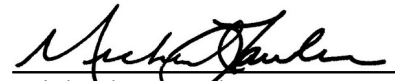
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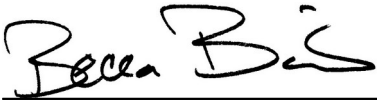
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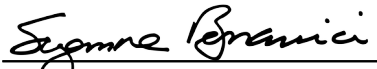
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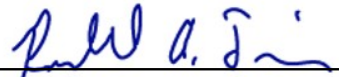
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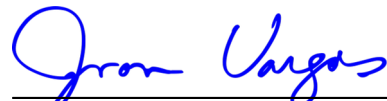
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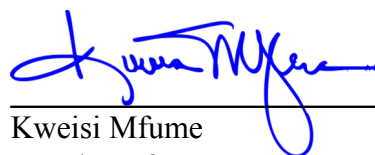
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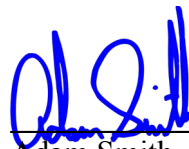
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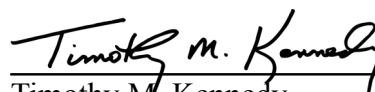
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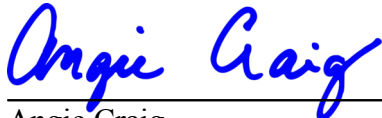
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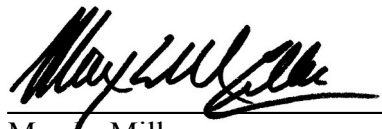
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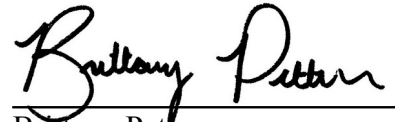
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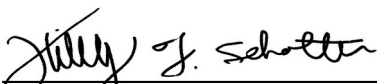
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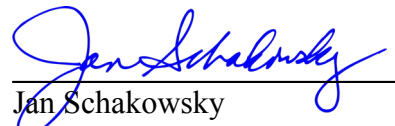
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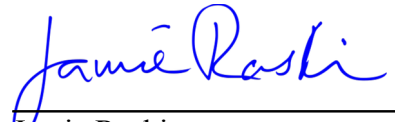
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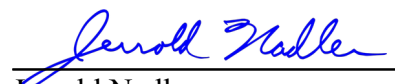
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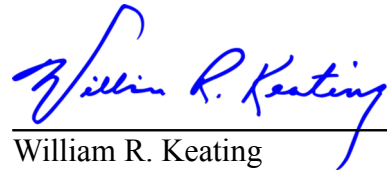
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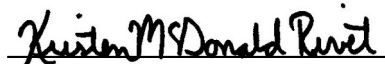
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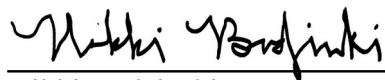
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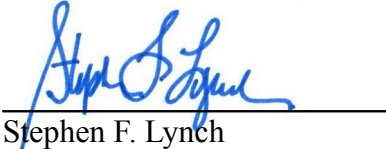
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