

**Subject:** CHCs & Infrastructure

Dear Mike -

Sun River Health truly appreciates Congresswoman Rice's support for Community Health Centers. Your work to include capital funding in the American Rescue Plan will strengthen our ability to care for over 245,000 New Yorkers at 43 sites across New York City, the Hudson River Valley and Long Island; including 39,000+ patients we serve at our [seven health centers in district](#). Since our founding in 1975 by four African American women seeking quality health care for their families, Sun River has been committed to our mission of equal access to all who seek it, regardless of ability to pay. Sun River's patients are diverse, but among those who report, 94% are below the federal poverty level and greater than 60% identify as racial and ethnic minorities.

Infrastructure funding for capital improvements continues to be a priority need for Sun River and for CHCs across the country. The last significant infrastructure investment for CHCs was over a decade ago. Since then, the number of patients served at CHCs has nearly doubled across the country and is expected to continue growing. I have attached a 2021 report from *Capital Link* that presents current and emerging capital needs of health centers.

Sun River needs several capital improvement projects to enhance our services and capacity to treat our patients. As you work on infrastructure, we urge Congress to allocate \$10 billion for health center capital needs over five years, as envisioned in the House Leading Infrastructure For Tomorrow's (LIFT) America Act (HR 1848). If enacted, this funding could be leveraged with other federal programs to meet the overall need. Moreover, this multi-year commitment of consistent and reliable funding will enable health centers to plan for future expansions more effectively.

Thank you again for your support of Sun River Health. We look forward to working with you on important infrastructure investment in our communities.

Sean

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