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# H. R. 5201

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 26, 2006

Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. ALLEN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BASS, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. BONILLA, Mrs. BONO, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. BURGESS, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. CASE, Mr. CLAY, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. COOPER, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. DAVIS of Florida, Mr. DEFazio, Ms. DEGETTE, Mrs. DRAKE, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. FOSSELLA, Mr. GORDON, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. HONDA, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. LEACH, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. MATHESON, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. McHUGH, Mr. NADLER, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. OTTER, Mr. OWENS, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. ROSS, Mr. REICHERT, Mr. RUSH, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCHWARZ of Michigan, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. SIMMONS, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. SWEENEY, Mr. TERRY, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. UPTON, Mr. WALDEN of Oregon, Mr. WAXMAN, Ms. WOOLSEY, and Mr. WYNN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Health Centers Re-  
5       newal Act of 2006”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       The Congress finds as follows:

8               (1) Community, migrant, public housing, and  
9       homeless health centers are vital to thousands of  
10      communities across the United States.

11              (2) There are more than 1,000 such health cen-  
12      ters serving over 15,000,000 people at over 3,700  
13      health delivery sites, located in all 50 States of the  
14      United States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto  
15      Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and other territories  
16      of the United States.

17              (3) Health centers provide cost-effective, quality  
18      health care to poor and medically underserved people  
19      in the States, the District of Columbia, and the ter-  
20      ritories, including the working poor, the uninsured,  
21      and many high-risk and vulnerable populations, and  
22      have done so for over 40 years.

23              (4) Health centers provide care to 1 of every 8  
24      uninsured Americans, 1 of every 4 Americans in  
25      poverty, and 1 of every 9 rural Americans.

1           (5) Health centers provide primary and preven-  
2       tive care services to more than 700,000 homeless  
3       persons and more than 725,000 farm workers in the  
4       United States.

5           (6) Health centers are community-oriented and  
6       patient-focused and tailor their services to fit the  
7       special needs and priorities of local communities,  
8       working together with schools, businesses, churches,  
9       community organizations, foundations, and State  
10      and local governments.

11          (7) Health centers are built through community  
12      initiative.

13          (8) Health centers encourage citizen participa-  
14      tion and provide jobs for 50,000 community resi-  
15      dents.

16          (9) Congress established the program as a  
17      unique public-private partnership, and has continued  
18      to provide direct funding to community organiza-  
19      tions for the development and operation of health  
20      centers systems that address pressing local health  
21      needs and meet national performance standards.

22          (10) Federal grants assist participating commu-  
23      nities in finding partners and recruiting doctors and  
24      other health professionals.

1           (11) Federal grants constitute, on average, 24  
2           percent of the annual budget of such health centers,  
3           with the remainder provided by State and local gov-  
4           ernments, Medicare, Medicaid, private contributions,  
5           private insurance, and patient fees.

6           (12) Health centers make health care respon-  
7           sive and cost-effective through aggressive outreach,  
8           patient education, translation, and other enabling  
9           support services.

10          (13) Health centers help reduce health dispari-  
11          ties, meet escalating health care needs, and provide  
12          a vital safety net in the health care delivery system  
13          of the United States.

14          (14) Health centers increase the use of preven-  
15          tive health services, including immunizations, pap  
16          smears, mammograms, and HBA1c tests for diabetes  
17          screenings.

18          (15) Expert studies have demonstrated the im-  
19          pact that these community-owned and patient-con-  
20          trolled primary care delivery systems have achieved  
21          both in the reduction of traditional access barriers  
22          and the elimination of health disparities among their  
23          patients.

1 **SEC. 3. ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPROPRIA-**  
2 **TIONS FOR HEALTH CENTERS PROGRAM OF**  
3 **PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT.**

4 Section 330(r) of the Public Health Service Act (42  
5 U.S.C. 254b(r)) is amended by amending paragraph (1)  
6 to read as follows:

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For the purpose of car-  
8 rying out this section, in addition to the amounts  
9 authorized to be appropriated under subsection (d),  
10 there are authorized to be appropriated  
11 \$1,963,000,000 for fiscal year 2007 and such sums  
12 as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years  
13 2008 through 2011.”.

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