I voted Yes on H.R. 297, the Children's Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act of 2013.

The bill would reauthorize Graduate Medical Education (GME) funding in children's hospitals through 2017 at current funding levels. GME funds are essential to teaching hospitals' ability to operate and assist hospitals cover the costs associated with training medical residents.

I strongly support GME funding because where residents train is a strong indicator of where they will choose to practice medicine. Robust training programs will help attract younger doctors to practice in New York State and help alleviate the physician shortage in the long-term, which is already being felt from the Mohawk Valley to the Southern Tier.

The bill was approved by a vote of 352 – 50.