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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Bates County Memorial Hospital HVAC System in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Bates County Memorial Hospital (BCMh) located at 615 West Nursery Street P.O. Box 370 Butler, Missouri 64730. The funding would be used to support the replacement of the aging, inefficient HVAC system at BCMh.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because BCMh's current HVAC system is very outdated and consumes about 20-50 percent more energy than modern alternatives, leading to high and excessive operational costs. As a rural hospital with extremely slim margins, BCMh must reduce operational costs as much as possible to continue its services. A proactive, phased replacement strategy for upgrading this equipment is necessary for the hospital staff and the patients it serves, and federal funding assistance is needed.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under the Public Health Service Act.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Mark Alford
Member of Congress