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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 Citizens Memorial Hospital EMS Modernization in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Citizens Memorial Hospital (CMH) located at 1500 North Oakland Avenue Bolivar, Missouri 65613. The funding would be used to support ambulance, cardiac monitoring equipment, and other EMS upgrades for CMH.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would replace 14 aging cardiac monitors and other life-saving devices that track heart rhythms, deliver defibrillation, and guide treatment for EMS personnel during heart attacks and other cardiac emergencies. Essentially, this project ensures that when someone calls 911 for a stroke, heart attack, farm accident, or respiratory emergency, the ambulance that arrives is reliable, properly equipped, and staffed with providers who have the modern tools they need to save lives. It protects patients, supports frontline EMS professionals, and sustains the emergency care infrastructure that rural communities depend on every day.

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