

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2504

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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 Regional Maternal Health Enhancement Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Golden Valley Memorial Healthcare, located at 1600 N 2nd St, Clinton, MO 64735. The funding would be used to support the procurement of a robotic surgical system and associated equipment to enhance the availability of maternal health services at Golden Valley Memorial Healthcare and throughout the community it serves.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the regional shortage of maternal health providers is driven by trends in training for obstetrics and gynecology professionals. Of the 100 largest medical residency programs in the United States, 100% of the gynecology programs train residents with a robotic surgical system. As a result, access to such systems is essential to recruiting maternal health providers, especially in rural communities. Across the extended service area identified by GVMH, no provider currently has a robotic surgical system.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under 7 U.S. Code section 2250.

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

Sincerely,



Mark Alford
Member of Congress