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Congress of the United States
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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 Mercy Hospital Lebanon Rural Cancer Center Imaging Equipment Upgrades Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Mercy Hospital Lebanon located at 100 Hospital Drive Lebanon, Missouri 65536. The funding would be used to expand rural cancer care access by replacing outdated cancer detection equipment with a new 3D mammography unit and a dedicated breast ultrasound.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it improves cancer diagnosis and treatment by improving diagnostic accuracy, reduces delays in results, and ensures timely, high-quality screening services and follow-up care for and rural patients.

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