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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 Preferred Family Healthcare FQHC Clinic in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is located at 900 East LaHarpe Street Kirksville, Missouri 63501. The funding would be used to support the renovation and consolidation of the agency's three FQHC clinic sites into a single, fully integrated, multidisciplinary, community health clinic located at 3401 Berrywood Drive in Columbia, Missouri, expanding access to timely, integrated care.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because there is a growing need for accessible, affordable, integrated health and behavioral care in Missouri's 4th Congressional District. Throughout Missouri and specifically in Boone County, there is a large number of people living with chronic health and behavioral health conditions, and limitations in accessing needed health services, especially among low income, uninsured, under-insured populations. Care provided by these centers can lower costly spending in emergency departments, in inpatient hospital settings, and for other outpatient services.

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