

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4206

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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

In re: FY 27 Community Project Funding - Ascension Saint Thomas Highlands Rural Health Services and FQHC Access

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Ascension Saint Thomas Highlands Rural Health Services and FQHC Access in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Ascension Saint Thomas Highlands, located at 401 Sewell Drive, Sparta, Tennessee 38583. The funding would be used for renovating and expanding Ascension Saint Thomas Highlands' rural health facilities in Sparta, Tennessee, to increase exam room capacity and add dedicated maternal health, primary care, and community education spaces. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses critical healthcare shortages in a federally designated high-need area, improves access to maternal and preventative care, reduces long-term public healthcare costs, and strengthens the sustainability of essential rural health infrastructure.

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,



John Rose
Member of Congress