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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-218, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-218, The Capitol  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Lorain County Health & Dentistry Southeast Lorain Dental Expansion in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Lorain County Health & Dentistry (LCH&D), a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), located at 3745 Grove Avenue, Lorain, OH 44052. The funding would be used for the interior build-out and procurement of capital equipment, including dental chairs and imaging technology, to establish a modern dental clinic at the established health center. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses a critical public health gap in Southeast Lorain, a region designated by the Ohio Department of Health as a "Dental Health Professional Shortage Area". The expansion will alleviate clinical bottlenecks, reduce emergency department visits for non-traumatic dental pain, and provide essential preventive care to a population in which 92% of patients live at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level.

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 has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Robert E. Latta  
Member of Congress