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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
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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 Mercer County Joint Township Community Hospital Childbirth Center Equipment Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Mercer County Joint Township Community Hospital located at 800 W. Main Street, Coldwater, OH 45828. The funding would be used for this project will equip Mercer Health's expanded childbirth center in Coldwater, OH, with all the equipment needed for the facility to open on day one. This includes a patient call system, a medication dispensing system, a patient repositioning system, and an X-ray machine. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because as a publicly-owned and operated hospital, every dollar of revenue at Mercer Health is reinvested into patient care, which often limits the amount of resources available for large-scale capital equipment purchases, such as the ones outlined in this project.

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,



Robert E. Latta
Member of Congress