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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 Increasing Access to Advanced Surgical Technology in Wood County, Ohio project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Wood County Hospital, located at 950 W. Wooster Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402. The funding would be used for the purchase of a new da Vinci 5 robot. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because as an independent, community owned hospital serving a largely rural region, Wood County Hospital plays an essential role in ensuring that residents have access to high quality, dependable health care close to home.

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