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The Honorable Kay Granger
H-307, U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Hereford TX Surgical Robotic Project Hereford, TX in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Hereford Regional Medical Center located at 540 W. 15th St, Hereford, Texas 70945. Hereford Regional Hospital is a full-service health care facility located in Hereford, Texas and the only one located in Deaf Smith County. Hereford treats patients from the region with many people traveling long distances for care. The surgery department serves a large geographic area and is under resourced. The Hereford Regional Medical Center would use this funding to purchase a surgical robotic system to bring more surgical services to Hereford and the surrounding communities. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because many rural hospitals in Texas face immense strain, and risk closure, however, Hereford was recognized for its work in the region and is helping patients in rural communities across the panhandle and west Texas. The hospital is seeking to develop a robotic surgery program to fill the need in the area and train current surgeons and residents. Clinical robotic surgical procedures are minimally invasive, have resulted in fewer complications for patients, and can result in shorter hospital stays. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, nor does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,


Ronny L. Jackson
Member of Congress