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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
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Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Med Center Health Russellville Nurse Call System Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Bowling Green-Warren County Community Hospital Corporations d/b/a Med Center Health Russellville located at 1625 Nashville Street, Russellville, Kentucky 42276.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would utilize funding to replace Med Center Health Russellville's outdated nurse call system, which has reached the end of its useful life and can no longer be repaired due to the unavailability of replacement parts. The age and frequent failures of the current system and frequent failures pose increasing risks to patient safety and strain staff efficiency. Replacement with a modern, fully integrated nurse call platform will provide real-time alerts, improved workflow coordination, and dependable connectivity across all hospital units. Continuing to rely on outdated technology exposes patients to preventable safety risks and increases staff workload, ultimately resulting in higher operational costs over time.

A new system will significantly improve patient safety, reduce response times, and support more efficient care delivery throughout the hospital. Supporting both traditional bedside care and emerging virtual care technologies will help Med Center Health Russellville continue providing high-quality care locally, reduce avoidable transfers to distant hospitals, and strengthen equitable access to healthcare for rural and underserved residents across Logan County and the surrounding region.

This 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 anyone in my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



James Comer
Member of Congress