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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
Washington, DC 20515

Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville Emergency Department Expansion Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville, Inc., located at 900 Hospital Drive, Madisonville, KY 42431.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would upgrade the Emergency Department at Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville (BHDM), a 410-bed tertiary acute care hospital serving approximately 160,000 patients annually. The project will update 21 existing treatment areas, including behavioral health spaces, three vertical treatment bays, two triage bays, four bathrooms, and a dedicated bereavement and consultation room. When complete, the Emergency Department will also feature 16 exam rooms, two behavioral health rooms, a trauma room, orthopedic and cardiac specialty rooms.

By expanding Emergency Department capacity and improving throughput, BHDM can better meet rising regional demand and reduce preventable diversions. These improvements to their Emergency Department will support workforce stability and regional growth by ensuring patients can receive critical care locally.

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