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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Blue Ridge Community Health's Family Medicine Residency Center in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Blue Ridge Community Health Services, Inc. DBA Blue Ridge Health, located at 220 5th Avenue East, Hendersonville, NC 28792.

The funding would be used for the construction of a Family Medicine Residency Center.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it expands access to care while directly addressing the rural healthcare workforce shortage. The facility will serve as both a high-volume community clinic and a residency training site, helping recruit and retain doctors in Western North Carolina. By integrating primary care, behavioral health, and pharmacy services in one location, it improves efficiency and patient outcomes while reducing long-term healthcare costs. Overall, it's a strategic investment in both immediate care delivery and the future healthcare workforce.

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,

Chuck Edwards
Member of Congress