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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Erlanger Western Carolina Hospital Facility Upgrades project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity receiving funding for this project is Erlanger Western Carolina Hospital, located at 3990 E U.S. Hwy 64 Alt, Murphy, NC 28906.

The funding would be used to consolidate six existing outpatient clinics to a single location on the main hospital campus, in a facility formerly occupied by a nursing home. The new clinic would create 20,000 square feet of patient care areas as well as lab and radiology services. This funding would also allow EWCH to establish a cardiac catheterization lab at the hospital.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide greater access to critical medical services, while more effectively utilizing existing building infrastructure at the hospital. More effective provision of care will also likely attract new medical professionals to work in the area, which will be a boon to local residents.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Chuck Edwards
Member of Congress