

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole Chair Committee on Appropriations H-307 U.S. Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth HOB Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Temple-St. Luke's Rural Dental College Campus for fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is The Carbon-Schuylkill Community Hospital, Inc. DBA St. Luke's Miners Campus, located at 360 W Ruddle St, Coaldale, Pennsylvania 18218.

The funding would be used for constructing a four story, 49,000 square foot Temple-St. Luke's Rural Dental College Campus on the current location of the St. Luke's Rural Health Clinic and the Tamaqua Public Library. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve access to dental care and education in the community.

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).

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

Sincerely,

Dan Meuser Member of Congress