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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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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 Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Strengthening Rural Post-Acute Care Infrastructure Project for Fiscal Year 2027. The entity requesting funding for this project is Guthrie Robert Packer Hospital located at 1 Guthrie Square, Sayre, PA 18840.

The funding would be used to modernize the Skilled Nursing Unit at Guthrie Towanda located at 91 Hospital Drive, Towanda, PA 18848, which serves patients across rural Bradford County and surrounding communities. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the unit's resident rooms have not been significantly updated since 2003 and currently face challenges including worn flooring, outdated lighting, limited storage, and layouts that hinder staff efficiency. The proposed modernization will upgrade healthcare-grade flooring, lighting, casework and storage, electrical and data systems, and make minor ADA and bathroom improvements while standardizing room layouts to improve workflow. These improvements will enhance patient dignity, safety, and comfort while strengthening infection control, reducing fall risks, and improving the work environment for staff. The project will extend the useful life of the unit by an estimated 10–15 years, preserve licensed bed capacity, and ensure continued access to high-quality post-acute care for rural residents who rely heavily on Medicare and Medicaid-supported services.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under the Public Health Service Act.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan Meuser".

Dan Meuser
Member of Congress