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March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

It is a pleasure to serve with you on the Committee on Appropriations, and I greatly value your leadership. I am requesting funding for the Wood County Community Health Center to open the first school-based health center in Wood County Ohio. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Wood County Auditor, Wood County Health Department, and the Wood County Community Health Center, all located at 1840 East Gypsy Lane Rd. Bowling Green, OH 43402.

The funding would be used to support Phase II of adding a health center onto the Northwood K-12 campus by funding necessary renovations and equipment to support the addition of five dental operatories, a dental lab, and dental sterilization room in a region that continues to experience high poverty, Medicaid enrollment, and free and reduced lunch rates. There are currently no primary care providers located in the City of Northwood. Adding a health center on the Northwood K-12 campus will provide students and families convenient, local access to comprehensive primary care services co-located with food resources and other educational supports. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because investment in local access to healthcare is both a public health and economic stability strategy.

This 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 cursive script that reads "Marcy Kaptur".

MARCY KAPTUR
Member of Congress