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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 in the amount of \$750,000 in Fiscal Year 2027 for Bon Secours Mercy Health – Defiance Hospital Health Smart Facility Technology Implementation. The entity to receive funding for this project is Bon Secours Mercy Health – Defiance Hospital located at 1404 East Second Street, Defiance, Ohio 43512.

The funding would enable all hospital rooms in a rural and critical access hospital to support virtual care. Implementing Health Smart Facility Technology would provide seamless, real-time integration with remote clinical resources (i.e. Psychiatrist, Neurologist, Nurse, Pharmacist), and expand access to specialties, services, and expertise that are not currently available, especially in this rural region. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because investment to expand 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 black ink that reads "Marcy Kaptur".

MARCY KAPTUR  
Member of Congress