

March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Expanding Access to Specialty Care Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Mark Twain Medical Center, located at 768 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas, CA, 95249. The funding would be used to purchase state-of-the-art medical equipment and surgical infrastructure to expand community and regional access to high-acuity specialty services, including neurology, urology, gastroenterology, orthopedic surgery, cardiothoracic surgery, and surgical oncology. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will enable the delivery of complex, minimally invasive, and life-saving procedures locally, improving survival rates and reducing emergency transfers outside of the region.

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,



Josh Harder
Member of Congress