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May 2, 2025

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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Akron Children's Belpre Health Center Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Children's Hospital Medical Center of Akron, located at One Perkins Square, Akron, Ohio, 44143.

The funding would be used for the construction of a brand-new 55,000 square foot healthcare facility to provide services for children, adolescents, women, and young adults. This facility will include: Primary care pediatric services, with embedded behavioral health therapy to include additional outpatient behavioral health services to be determined; Pediatric emergency services and imaging; Pediatric specialty services, including cardiology, neurology, and gastroenterology, and other services; Pediatric rehabilitative services, including physical, occupational and speech-language therapy; space for ob/gyn providers; and community meeting spaces.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it fulfills several unmet health needs identified in the most recent "Community Healthcare Assessment," completely transforming the continuum of pediatric health care in southeast Ohio and northern West Virginia.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



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