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## **Congress of the United States** House of Representatives

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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro Chairwoman Committee of Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member Committee of Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Free Clinic of Meridian through the Health Resources and Services Administration's Health Facilities Construction and Equipment account in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Free Clinic of Meridian, which is located at 4707 Poplar Springs Drive, Meridian, Mississippi, 39305.

The funding would be used to expand the clinic's current facility. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because this clinic serves a critical role in providing care to more than 1,000 uninsured patients in East Mississippi and West Alabama, and it has run out of space in its building. The Free Clinic does not receive Federal or State support but is funded by donations and grants. The project has tremendous local backing, including Lauderdale County officials and community organizations and the healthcare institutions with which the clinic partners.

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

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely.

Michael Guest Member of Congress

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