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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 Mississippi State University (MSU) for its Meridian Physician Assistant Studies program 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 Mississippi State University, which is located at 3505 Lee Hall, Mississippi State, Mississippi, 39762. The project address is the Mississippi State University – Meridian Physician Assistant Studies program, which is located in Mississippi State University's Riley Campus – Rosenbaum Building, 2214 5th Street, Meridian, Mississippi, 39301.

The funding would be used to develop the program's Patient Assessment Lab and Simulation Rooms. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because MSU would use the space to train emerging Physician Assistants (PAs) in general patient assessment, initial diagnosis, bedside mannerisms, and the like. The MSU PA Program would share the space with other educational entities and healthcare providers in the state to encourage interprofessional training and collaboration. This program will produce up to 30 PAs each year to help address healthcare provider needs in the State of Mississippi.

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.



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