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 Adolescent Behavioral Health Inpatient Unit project through the Health Facilities Construction and Equipment account within the Health Resources and Services Administration in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Mississippi Medical Center, which is located at 2500 North State Street, Jackson, Mississippi, 39216.

The funding would be used for the establishment of the medical center’s Adolescent Behavior Health Inpatient Unit through renovation of existing hospital space to serve this critical need. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because caring for adolescents with behavioral and mental health needs is a priority for Federal funders, as evidenced by the appropriations increases in investment for outreach, research, treatments, and clinical trials. The current treatment resources for Mississippi families are severely limited, and investing in care facilities that also house clinical trials and the State’s only children’s hospital would be valuable to patients in our State.

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,

[Signature]

Michael Guest
Member of Congress