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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairman House Committee on Appropriations H-307, The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Punxsutawney Area Hospital Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Project in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Punxsutawney Area Hospital, located at 81 Hillcrest Drive, Punxsutawney, PA 15767.

The funding would be used to assist with the replacement of the hospital's MRI unit. Punxsutawney Area Hospital is designated as a Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) based on its large volume of Medicaid-eligible and Social Security Income-eligible patients. This project will assist Punxsutawney Area Hospital with advancing health equity and improving overall patient health outcomes in rural Pennsylvania.

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

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Glenn "GT" Thompson Member of Congress