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The Hon. Tom Cole Chairman House Committee on Appropriations 2207 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515 The Hon. Rosa L. DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations 2413 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Plain WI, Sauk Prairie Healthcare Rural Clinic Construction project in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is:

Sauk Prairie Healthcare, Inc. 260 26th Street Prairie du Sac, WI 53578

The funding would support the construction of a new facility to replace the current rural health clinic in Plain, Wisconsin that is at capacity and unable to offer new, in-person services. The new facility will offer expanded access to primary medical care in a rural community and will add critically needed behavioral health services. This project is an appropriate use of federal funds because this new building would address critical shortages in behavioral health access, reduce waiting periods for behavioral health appointments, increase capacity for routine primary care medical services, and enhance suicide prevention efforts in Sauk county, while also offering increased health industry job opportunities.

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,

Mark Pocan Member of Congress