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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 Reedsburg, WI Oral Healthcare Facility Renovation project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is:

Reedsburg Area Medical Center 2000 North Dewey Avenue Reedsburg, WI 53959

The funding would support the renovation of an existing, former primary care clinic into a new dental clinic to serve the rural city of Reedsburg in Sauk County, Wisconsin. The dental clinic will improve access to critical oral healthcare for area residents, including many low-income, Medicaid, and uninsured patients in a rural community. This project is an appropriate use of federal funds because existing access to traditional dental care in Reedsburg is very limited, with just three local providers already at capacity and unable to meet current need for care. Many residents currently have to travel at least 50 miles away to receive care. The renovation of a former primary clinic into a new dental clinic will instantly help address the oral healthcare crisis in Reedsburg.

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