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March 18, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the *Frontera Healthcare Network Rural Healthcare Infrastructure Modernization Initiative* in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Frontera Healthcare Network, located at 105 E. San Saba Avenue, Menard, Texas 76859. The funding would be used to modernize electronic health record systems, expand telehealth capabilities, and integrate diagnostic services, including laboratory and mammography connectivity, to improve care coordination and access to healthcare services in rural communities.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will expand access to essential healthcare services in medically underserved rural areas, reduce disparities in care, and improve health outcomes for approximately 6,000 patients across Menard, Mason, Kimble, and McCulloch Counties. By strengthening digital infrastructure and enabling interoperability with hospitals and specialists, the project will reduce delays in diagnosis and treatment, increase access to preventive care, and support the long-term sustainability of a critical rural safety-net provider.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under **42 U.S.C. § 254c** (Health Center Program), which supports the operation and modernization of health centers and infrastructure to improve access to comprehensive primary care services for underserved populations.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "August Pfluger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "August" and the last name "Pfluger" clearly distinguishable.

August Pfluger
Member of Congress