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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol U.S. House of Representatives Washinton, 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 Frontera Menard Administration Office Building in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Frontera Healthcare Network (FHN), located at 104 East San Saba Ave. Menard, Texas 76859. The funding would be used to renovate a 6,000 square foot building to house Frontera's administrative office operations, provide space for meetings and to teach educational classes (workforce development, nutrition, CPR, chronic disease management, group counseling), as well as provide space for community non-profits to utilize for their meetings and educational classes.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because FHN serves a medically underserved rural population by providing affordable and accessible comprehensive healthcare and behavioral health services. FHN serves as a critical safety net for services in this rural area; without FHN some of the towns in the service area would not have a local source to receive care. The services provided by FHN help to prevent and manage chronic conditions, reduce the spread of infectious diseases and improve overall public health outcomes.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in 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,

August Pfluger Member of Congress