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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 radiography equipment funding for The Heart of Texas Healthcare System Community Diagnostic Investment Project located in Brady, Texas in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Heart of Texas Healthcare System, located at 2008 Nine Road, Brady, TX 76825.

The funding would be used to upgrade and enhance the existing radiography equipment at the Heart of Texas Hospital, to include a necessary upgrade of the existing MRI and enhancement of the fluoroscopy, mammography, and x-ray equipment suite. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because as a centrally located 25-bed rural Critical Access Hospital, the Heart of Texas Healthcare System serves the community with a life-preserving diagnostic and emergency care facility for a multi-county region where critical patient transport to distant trauma centers can be perilous.

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,

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