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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Modernization and Expansion of the Emergency Room at Verde Valley Medical Center in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Northern Arizona Healthcare, located at 1200 N. Beaver St. Flagstaff, AZ 86001. The funding would be used for the expansion of the emergency department to include a specialized behavioral health area. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the large population growth and changing healthcare needs of the region has led to longer wait times, outdated facilities and procedures, and staff burnout at a critical health facility in the Verde Valley region.

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,



Ruben Gallego  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS