



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Center for Advanced Education and Medical Simulation Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is St. Luke's/Jones Regional Medical Center (JRMC), located at 1795 Hwy 64E, Anamosa, IA 52205.

Funding for this project will be used to expand and remodel the west wing of JRMC to create a permanent advanced simulation lab. The addition would add approximately 17,000 new square feet and 2,600 renovated square feet. The expansion will allow the program to graduate an additional 14 nursing students annually. This would be a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because the JRMC-Purdue Global Associate of Science in Nursing program began in 2021, the simulation lab and program operations at JRMC have been housed in two portable trailers. This project will create a simulation lab that will make virtual nursing education a permanent option in eastern Iowa and provide a much-needed advanced training option for other high-demand medical professions. The simulation lab project will provide the permanent space necessary to accommodate more nursing students and to provide professional development training for other medical professions.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mariannette Miller-Meeks".

Mariannette Miller-Meeks, M.D.
Member of Congress