



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 Keokuk Area Hospital Priority Outpatient Services Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Keokuk Area Hospital, located at 1600 Morgan St, Keokuk, IA 52632.

Funding for this project will be used for facility improvements for the existing structure of the Keokuk Area Hospital to be able to offer outpatient specialty services in addition to emergency services. This would be a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because this area has not had a hospital since October 2022, and it has created a significant gap in safety and access to healthcare for Lee County. A rural emergency hospital with additional specialty service areas will improve health access and community 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mariannette Miller-Meeks".

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