



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

March 27, 2026

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 UnityPoint Health – Trinity Muscatine Hospital Diagnostic Imaging Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Unity Healthcare DBA Trinity Muscatine, located at 1518 Mulberry Ave. Muscatine, IA 52761

The funding for this project would be used to replace its 15-year-old MRI machine, which is currently well beyond its expected lifespan and lacks vendor support. The project involves expanding the hospital's existing MRI space to accommodate a new, modern device, with costs covering necessary construction, electrical upgrades, cooling systems, and equipment installation.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it improves health outcomes and lowers long-term costs by enabling early disease detection for over 42,000 residents in rural Iowa. By keeping diagnostic services within the community, the hospital reduces the financial and geographic burdens on patients who would otherwise travel many miles to urban centers for care.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under the Public Health Service Act.

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