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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the *Expanding Healthcare for Rural Seniors* project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Jefferson County Public Hospital District No. 2, dba Jefferson Healthcare, located at 834 Sheridan Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368.

The funding would be used to support the construction and opening of a new clinic offering specialty care in neurology, pulmonology, ENT and geriatrics to seniors in Jefferson County who face geographic barriers. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it's a sustainable, cost-effective community health investment that will create needed care options for Jefferson County senior citizens and their families. The high cost of health workforce labor and the impact of the inflationary environment have also driven costs beyond what Jefferson Healthcare can do absent federal funding.

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,



Derek Kilmer
Member of Congress