

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-1805**

March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center at Franklin Medical Center Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Franklin Medical Center, located at 2106 Loop Road, Winnsboro, LA 71295.

The funding would be used to construct a dedicated healthcare facility in Winnsboro, Louisiana, to house the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center and expand cancer treatment services for residents of Franklin Parish and surrounding rural communities. Through an existing partnership with Franklin Medical Center, patients currently have access to medical oncology, hematology, infusion therapy, laboratory services, and oncology pharmacy support. The new facility would include expanded clinical space and specialized infrastructure to support advanced cancer treatment technologies. These improvements would allow patients to receive advanced diagnostic imaging and radiation therapy locally rather than traveling long distances for care.

This project is a good use of taxpayer funding because it will expand access to life-saving cancer treatment, reduce travel burdens for rural patients, and strengthen healthcare infrastructure across Northeast Louisiana.

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

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

I request you give this project every consideration, consistent with all rules and regulations. Thank you for your attention to this request. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Julia Letlow, Ph.D.  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS