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

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Citizens Medical Center for the Emergency Room Expansion Project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Citizens Medical Center, located at 7939 US-165, Colombia, LA 71418.

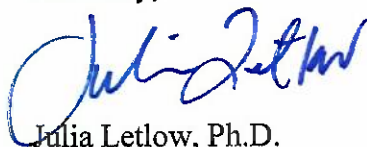
The funding would be used to make critical upgrades and renovations to Citizens Medical Center's Emergency Department. It should be noted that Citizens Medical Center operates the only emergency room within the Town of Columbia and Caldwell Parish, and there are no existing ICU beds in the entire Parish. This project is a good use of taxpayer funding because the emergency room expansion will create 75 new jobs and will significantly improve the economic and health outcomes for the residents of the Town of Columbia and the surrounding rural areas.

This project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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.
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