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House of Representatives
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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 Hardtner Medical Center Infrastructure and Renovation Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is LaSalle Parish Hospital District #1 – Hardtner Medical Center, located at 1102 North Pine Road, Olla, Louisiana 71465.

This project would fund critical infrastructure upgrades at Hardtner Medical Center, including the installation of two modern emergency generators and the replacement of the hospital's aging roof system. The new generators will ensure the hospital can maintain full operations during power outages, severe weather, or regional disasters, times when rural communities rely most on their local healthcare providers. Replacing the deteriorating roof will protect sensitive medical equipment, prevent water damage, and maintain a safe environment for patients and staff.

This project represents a responsible use of taxpayer funds because it strengthens the resilience of a Critical Access Hospital serving rural residents in LaSalle Parish, safeguards access to essential healthcare services, and prevents higher long-term costs associated with emergency repairs and service disruptions.

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