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March 27, 2026

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Mercy Hospital Logan County's project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Mercy Hospital Logan County, located at 200 S. Academy Road Guthrie, OK 73044. This funding would be used to install the hospital's first permanent MRI by acquiring a modern system and renovating interior space to support it. A hospital-based MRI will eliminate weather-related disruptions, improve reliability, and expand scan capabilities beyond what the aging rental unit can provide.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the MRI equipment will secure consistent access to essential diagnostic imaging for rural patients and strengthen Mercy Hospital Logan County's ability to deliver high-quality care close to home. Mercy Hospital Logan County is the only hospital serving Guthrie and rural communities across Logan County, operating as a 25-bed Critical Access Hospital that anchors rural emergency and diagnostic care for the county. 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 have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Bice
Member of Congress