

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 Capitol Building  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Medical Center Barbour MRI Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Healthcare Authority of the City of Eufaula, located at 820 West Washington Street, Eufaula, AL 36027. The funding would be used to purchase MRI equipment for the Medical Center in Barbour County. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it ensures continued access to essential diagnostic imaging services for the community, supporting timely and accurate medical care. Without this funding, patients in the region would face delays, increased travel burdens, and potential health risks due to the loss of local, accessible MRI capabilities.

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,



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Shomari C. Figures  
Member of Congress