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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 Jackson Health Care Authority Facilities & Equipment Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Jackson Health Care Authority, located at 400 Commerce Street, Jackson, AL 36545. The funding would be used to facilitate the purchase of advanced diagnostic imaging equipment, to repair and renovate existing infrastructure in its hospital, and to provide greater security for patients and employees at the hospital. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this is a part of a larger effort to improve healthcare outcomes throughout Southwest Alabama and surrounding areas. This new equipment will allow patients to receive the highest level of treatment within Clarke County rather than having to be transferred to other facilities further away, often outside the county. New diagnostic imaging equipment will enable the highest quality care and services to the Jackson community and broader region.

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,

Shomari C. Figures Member of Congress