

# 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  
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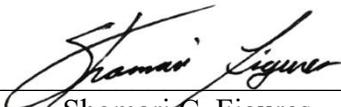
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Medical Equipment Upgrades to Serve the Gulf Coast in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of South Alabama, located at 307 N University Blvd, Mobile, AL 36688. The funding would be used for upgrading and modernizing medical equipment at the University of South Alabama to improve patient care, safety, and operational efficiency. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will ensure hospitals can provide accurate, reliable, and timely medical services while meeting federal safety and regulatory standards. By investing in advanced, cost-efficient technology, the project will enhance diagnostic and treatment capabilities, reduce maintenance and downtime, improve workflow for healthcare staff, and ultimately lead to better patient outcomes and satisfaction. These upgrades will strengthen the hospital's long-term financial sustainability, attract skilled healthcare professionals, and expand access to high-quality care for the community.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under the Public Health Service Act.

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