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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
2007 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As you begin crafting the Fiscal Year 2024 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, I respectfully request funding for the Monroe OR Rural Health Center in the amount of \$1,000,0000 within the Committee's Community Project Funding effort.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Benton County Government, located at 4066 SW Research Way, Corvallis, OR, 97333. This project is located at 610 Dragon Drive, Monroe, OR 97456.

This funding would be used to build a new Health Center on the existing site of the current Benton County Health Center. The existing site is a small, outdated modular building that can no longer accommodate the growing healthcare needs of the community.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because as the only health care facility within 15 miles, and the center focuses on providing high quality, accessible care to people in need within the local community. The City of Monroe is a small but diverse rural community with a population of just over 600. The Health Center provides acute primary care, behavioral health, chronic disease management, and health screenings for this community.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a). Monroe has a population of approximately 600. As specified in 7 CFR 3570.53, any Community Facilities project must serve a rural area (rural areas including cities, villages, townships and Federally Recognized Tribal lands with no more than 20,000 residents). In addition, this request is subject to cost share requirements specified in 7 CFR 3570.63(b). Monroe's population makes it eligible for up to 75% grant funding under 7 CFR 3570.63(b). The County is

requesting \$1,000,000 with a total project cost of \$1,400,000. The request represents approximately 71% of total project cost.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Val T. Hoyle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "V".

Val T. Hoyle

Member of Congress