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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the North Arkansas Regional Medical Center Electronic Medical Records System Update project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the North Arkansas Regional Medical Center (NARMC) located at 620 N. Main St., Harrison, AR, 72601. The funding would be used for the purchase of Meditech EXPANSE software to upgrade the North Arkansas Regional Medical Center's (NARMC) electronic medical records system. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the upgrade to Meditech EXPANSE software will improve the NARMC's ability to provide emergency care, treat chronic disease, perform surgery, manage financial records, keep patient data private, and ultimately save more lives. EXPANSE enables efficient sharing of patient information and identifies data inconsistencies in health records – a critical issue at NARMC. Implementation of this project will ease the burden on NARMC's staff and improve communication with patients and community partners.

The project has a Federal nexus This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a). Specifically, this project is consistent with the authorization provided for the Secretary of Agriculture to 'to make or insure loans to associations, including corporations not operated for profit, Indian tribes on Federal and State reservations and other federally recognized Indian tribes, and public and quasi-public agencies to provide for the... installation or improvement of ... essential community facilities including necessary related equipment, all primarily serving farmers, ranchers, farm tenants, farm laborers, rural businesses,

and other rural residents, and to furnish financial assistance or other aid in planning projects for such purposes.’

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric A. Crawford". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Eric A. "Rick" Crawford
MEMBER OF CONGRESS