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Chairwoman Kay Granger
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

Thank you for your work on the fiscal year 2024 appropriations legislation. I respectfully request funding for the following project in Tennessee's second congressional district:

Project Name: East Tennessee Rural Health Education and Screening Expansion Project

Entity: University Health System (UHS) d/b/a University of Tennessee Medical Center

Address: 1924 Alcoa Highway, Knoxville, TN 37920

Project Description: UTMC requests funding for a mobile unit outreach program to provide health education and access to comprehensive health screenings in East Tennessee. The mobile outreach unit will be equipped with technology capable of performing low dose CT scans searching for early-stage lung cancer in at-risk patients, as well as screening patients for other illnesses and cancers.

Project Justification: The East Tennessee Rural Health Education and Screening Expansion Project will mirror UTMC's successful mobile mammography program, which has provided health education & screening where residents work, live, shop, and worship in 21 East TN counties since 1998. A mobile health unit will help improve health outcomes by bringing desperately needed education and access to comprehensive health screenings to underserved, rural communities such as the Appalachian region of East Tennessee.

Federal Nexus: Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in the above project. Thank you again for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Tim Burchett,
Member of Congress