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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the WinnMed Surgical Department Upgrade as a community project in Fiscal Year 2026.

The entity to receive the funding for this project is the Winneshiek Medical Center Foundation, located at 901 Montgomery Street, Decorah, Iowa 52101.

This funding would support the acquisition of state-of-the-art medical technology for the ruralbased medical center, WinnMed. The purpose of this investment is to expand the medical center's ability to offer efficient, safe, and minimally invasive surgeries for the rural communities it serves, as well as enabling the center to more easily recruit new surgeons, expand the services offered, and revitalize the medical workforce in the area. There is strong community support for this request.

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 USC 1926(a). The entity is eligible under 7 CFR 3570.53.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Member of Congress

Committee on Appropriations