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May 2, 2025

The Honorable Andy Harris
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations,
Subcommittee on Agriculture,
Rural Development, &
Food & Drug Administration
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Sanford Bishop, Jr.
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations,
Subcommittee on Agriculture,
Rural Development, &
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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Harris and Ranking Member Bishop:

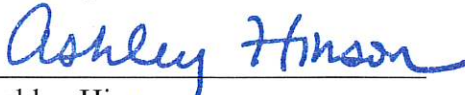
As you craft the fiscal year 2026 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, & Related Agencies Appropriations bill, I respectfully request that you include \$700,000 in community project funding for the WinnMed Surgical Department Upgrade. The entity to receive the funding for this project is the Winneshiek Medical Center Foundation, located at 901 Montgomery Street, Decorah, Iowa 52101.

This project will equip WinnMed with state-of-the-art surgical technology through robotic-assisted systems to expand access to safe, minimally invasive surgeries in rural northeast Iowa. It will reduce the need for residents to travel long distances for care and help recruit additional surgeons to serve the region.

WinnMed serves as a critical access hospital for multiple rural counties and sustains over 560 jobs, with a \$52.9 million economic impact. Upgrading its surgical capabilities will improve patient outcomes, shorten recovery times, and strengthen the rural healthcare workforce.

I urge the committee to support this important investment in rural Iowa. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Ashley Hinson
Member of Congress
Committee on Appropriations