



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Margaretville Primary Care Renovation Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Margaretville Memorial Hospital located at 42084 NY-28, Margaretville, NY 12455.

The funding would be used to help Margaretville Memorial Hospital (MMH), a nonprofit rural critical access hospital, renovate its primary care facility and purchase updated medical equipment. Serving Delaware, Greene, and parts of Ulster counties—all HRSA-designated rural and Health Professional Shortage Areas—MMH plays a vital role in providing healthcare to underserved communities in the Catskills. The project includes reconfiguring the current facility to improve patient flow, privacy, and efficiency. Renovations will create new intake areas, exam and treatment rooms, consultation spaces, and support areas. MMH will also upgrade medical equipment, including telehealth-compatible diagnostics, to enhance access to specialty care through real-time remote consultations.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it directly addresses critical healthcare shortages in medically underserved rural areas, improving access to primary and specialty care for thousands of residents. By investing in facility upgrades and modern equipment, this funding will help reduce emergency room visits, prevent advanced illness through early intervention, and lower overall healthcare costs. The expanded services and improved care coordination will enhance community health, support long-term cost savings, and strengthen the rural healthcare system.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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, appearing to be 'JR' with a large loop on the left and a horizontal line extending to the right.

Josh Riley
Member of Congress