



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 Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital Patient Diagnostic and Monitoring Equipment in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is The Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital located at 1 Atwell Road, Cooperstown, NY 13326.

This funding would help Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital purchase and integrate advanced diagnostic and patient monitoring equipment essential to improving care quality and safety in its rural service area. The investment will include fetal and maternal monitors, cardiac telemetry systems, portable electrocardiogram (ECG) machines, post-anesthesia care unit (PACU) multiparameter monitors, bedside ultrasound machines, and vital sign monitors—all fully compatible with the hospital's electronic medical record (EMR) system. In a rural community, timely and effective care is especially critical due to limited access to specialized services and longer distances to higher-acuity facilities. This equipment will enable earlier detection of patient deterioration, faster interventions, and better outcomes, particularly in maternity care, cardiac events, and post-operative recovery.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it directly improves the quality, safety, and accessibility of healthcare for residents in a rural community. By investing in advanced diagnostic and monitoring equipment, this funding would be able to provide life-saving interventions. In a setting where access to specialized care is limited and emergency transfers can be time-consuming, these upgrades ensure that care remains local, reducing unnecessary hospital transfers and improving patient outcomes.

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,

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Josh Riley
Member of Congress