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

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

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro & Ranking Member Cole,

I am requesting \$580,000 in funding for the construction and equipping of a Chemotherapy Infusion Center and expanded pharmacy at Preston Memorial Hospital for fiscal year 2022.

The project sponsor is Preston Memorial Hospital Foundation and is located at 150 Memorial Dr, Kingwood, WV 26537.

The funding is designated for the construction and equipping of a Chemotherapy Infusion Center and expanded pharmacy complete with hazardous drug compounding room, anteroom, and hazardous drug storage. The pharmacy additions allow patients diagnosed with cancer to receive quality chemotherapy care and treatment close to home in a familiar setting.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits because Cancer remains one of the leading causes of death among West Virginians, and early diagnosis, treatment often through chemotherapy, and surgery are the best ways to extend the lives of our citizens. Mon Health System has made it a priority to enhance and expand its cancer care, and there is a need for a new facility and pharmacy renovations at Preston Memorial Hospital in Kingwood to address the needs of its patients.

Currently, Mon Health Preston Memorial Hospital patients with cancer must leave the region and travel an hour or more over secondary roads to receive customized chemotherapy treatment away from their homes, families, and jobs.

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

Sincerely,



David B. McKinley, P.E.
Member of Congress