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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the University of Florida's Health Central Florida Elevating Care Through Workforce Development: Simulation Lab in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Leesburg Regional Medical Center, inc. located at 600 E Dixie Ave. Leesburg, FL, 34748. The funding would be used to purchase the technological equipment needed for a new Simulation (SIM) lab that is necessary for education of nursing students.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the initiative would assist in addressing healthcare workforce shortages and create a pipeline of better-prepared individuals entering the healthcare sector. The goal of this project is to provide a more hands-on clinical experience in a controlled, safe environment. The use of these labs are linked to significant improvements in skill performance, knowledge acquisition, clinical performance, critical thinking skills and communication skills. This project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 272 of title 15, United States Code.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Member of Congress



Daniel Webster
Member of Congress