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March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, 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 **Southern California Medical Center Telehealth & Behavioral Health Expansion project** in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **Southern California Medical Center, Inc.**, located at **14550 Haynes Street, Van Nuys, CA 91411**. The funding would be used to **expand and modernize behavioral health service capacity for underserved communities. Local providers report long wait times, limited group therapy space, and insufficient telehealth capacity to meet demand. By renovating existing clinical space and expanding secure tele-behavioral health infrastructure, the project will increase outpatient capacity, reduce wait times, and improve access for working families.** The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because **earlier intervention will help prevent avoidable psychiatric crises and reduce reliance on emergency departments and other high-cost public services. Strengthening local health infrastructure promotes family stability, workforce participation, and better outcomes for children, ultimately lowering long-term healthcare and social service expenditures while improving community well-being.**

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under the Public Health Service Act.

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

Sincerely,

Gilbert R. Cisneros, Jr.
Member of Congress