

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Building a Future of Excellence: Establishing a Clinical Simulation Hub at Hutchinson Health Hospital Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Hutchinson Health, located at 1095 Highway 15 South, Hutchinson, MN 55350.

The funding would create a health care simulation center. As a shared community resource, the hub will support training for hospitals, first responders, community colleges, and other healthcare-related entities across central Minnesota. Through the simulation of interdisciplinary care to infrequent patient care scenarios, such as high-risk obstetrics or mass casualty response, the hub will decrease avoidable errors, translating into safer care, fewer disruptive transfers to larger hospitals, and stronger local capacity.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because Minnesota's rural communities face limited access to advanced training resources. This shared-use model maximizes the return on taxpayer investment by allowing multiple disciplines and institutions to access advanced training locally, rather than duplicating costly infrastructure or requiring travel to distant urban centers.

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

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

Sincerely,



Michelle Fischbach
Member of Congress