

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2307

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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 RiverView Health Emergency Room Safety Enhancement Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Riverview Health, located at 323 South Minnesota Street, Crookston, MN 56716.

The funding would be used to improve patient and staff safety by constructing a dedicated safe room for individuals experiencing mental health crises, while enhancing department security and patient comfort. The project will also expand telehealth capabilities to provide rapid specialist access for time-sensitive conditions such as stroke, cardiac, and psychiatric events.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would expand telehealth capabilities, enabling RiverView clinicians to rapidly connect with specialists for time-sensitive conditions such as stroke, cardiac, and psychiatric events. These improvements will strengthen emergency response capacity, reduce delays in treatment, and improve patient outcomes. By enhancing safety, modernizing critical healthcare infrastructure, and expanding access to specialty care in a rural setting, this project delivers clear public health benefits and ensures responsible use of taxpayer funds.

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