

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2201

March 24, 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 Northern Michigan Rural Healthcare Training and Development Center in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Thunder Bay Community Health Service, located at 100 N. Ripley Street, Suite E, Alpena, MI 49707. The funding would be used to build out and equip a Rural Healthcare Training and Development Center within an existing Thunder Bay Community Health Service-owned facility in Alpena, Michigan. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project will invest in permanent training infrastructure, the project supports debt-free, apprenticeship-based healthcare education while strengthening the regional health care workforce.

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,



Jack Bergman
Member of Congress

