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*Vice Ranking Member*  
*Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,*  
*Science, and Related Agencies*  
*Subcommittee on Defense*

March 27, 2026

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Monroe County Hospital Dementia Care Unit Renovation in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Monroe County, located at 39 West Main St, Rochester, NY 14614.

The funding would be used to complete the final phase of renovations of Monroe County Hospitals' dementia care units; incorporating modern, evidence-based design principles tailored to residents with cognitive impairment. The updated unit reduces behavioral distress, improves orientation, and creates a calm, residential environment. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it directly improves patient outcomes while reducing long-term care costs. By aligning both units with evidence-based, therapeutic design standards, the project will minimize behavioral distress, reduce the need for intensive interventions, and create safer, more stable environments for residents with cognitive impairments. This proactive investment not only delivers more humane, person-centered care but also helps contain future healthcare costs, making it a prudent and impactful use of taxpayer resources.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph D. Morelle".

Joseph Morelle  
Member of Congress