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

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Southwest Georgia Regional Hospital, Cuthbert, GA in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Randolph County Hospital Authority, located at 361 Randolph Street, Cuthbert, Georgia 39840.

The funding would be used for reopening the Southwest Georgia Regional Hospital in Randolph County, which closed in October 2020. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the hospital will provide access to emergency services for residents in seven counties. The Southwest Georgia Regional Hospital is the epitome of an essential community facility, as the nearest hospital is 27 to 40 miles away – indeed, a matter of life and death.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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

Sincerely,

Sanford D. Bishop Member of Congress