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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Miller County Regional Behavioral/Mental Health Unit, Colquitt, GA in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Hospital Authority of Miller County Georgia, which is located at 209 N. Cuthbert St. Colquitt, GA 39837.

The funding would be used for purchasing and renovating a building to house the health unit and to purchase equipment. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because our country, including Southwest Georgia, faces a mental health crisis. As of 2024, Georgia had the highest suicide death rate among persons aged 10-17 and 45-64 years and this area needs a facility that can serve these at-risk populations.

The project has a Federal nexus because it 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 neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sanford D. Bishop". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial 'S'.

Sanford D. Bishop  
Member of Congress