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**Congress of the United States** House of Representatives Washington, DE 20515-0701

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Harriott Community Healthcare Academy (HCHA) in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Harriott Community Health Initiative located at 10 Love Lane, Hartford, CT 06112.

The funding would be used for a centralized nursing education and certification program in East Granby & New Hartford. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will address critical nursing workforce shortages, improve public health, and increase healthcare access for rural communities. By educating and empowering residents in rural communities, HCHA aims to create a sustainable healthcare workforce pipeline with nurses who have a unique understanding of their community's needs. HCHA will provide certified nursing assistant training and certification to students who are ages 16 and older. The students will receive education, along with career counseling and wrap-around support to help them succeed in the healthcare field.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in 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,

JOHN B. LARSON Member of Congress