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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

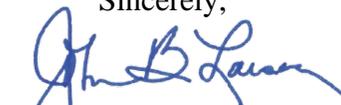
I am requesting funding for the Harriott Community Healthcare Academy (HCHA) in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Harriott Community Health Initiative located at 10 Love Lane, Hartford, CT 06112. The funding would be used for a centralized nursing education and certification program in East Granby and New Hartford, Connecticut.

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 training residents from within these communities, HCHA will create a sustainable healthcare workforce pipeline of nurses who have a unique understanding of their community's needs. HCHA's centralized certified nursing assistant (CNA) pathway for residents ages 16 and older will provide students with training, certification testing, wrap-around support all in one accessible location.

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