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Congress of the United States
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Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Chippewa Valley Emergency Interim Hospital in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Chippewa Valley Health Cooperative located at P.O. Box 398, Chippewa Falls WI 54729. The funding would be used to reestablish core healthcare services by developing a temporary, fully licensed hospital facility while a permanent replacement hospital is under development. The interim facility will deliver 24/7 emergency care, inpatient services, surgical capacity, and urgently needed obstetric, cancer, and cardiology care.

The Chippewa Valley region of western Wisconsin is facing a healthcare crisis following the closure of two regional hospitals, which eliminated access to local emergency care, inpatient beds, surgical services, obstetric care, cancer treatment, and cardiology support. This project will establish a modern, outpatient cancer center in the Chippewa Valley that provides comprehensive, high-quality care — including diagnostics, infusion, radiation therapy, oncology consultations, and survivorship services — close to home for thousands of rural residents.

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 neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "D. Van Orden".

Derrick Van Orden
Member of Congress