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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Ridgecrest Regional Hospital MRI Upgrade in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Ridgecrest Regional Hospital, located at 1081 North China Lake Boulevard, Ridgecrest, California 93555.

This funding would be used for the replacement of Ridgecrest Regional Hospital's aging MRI system with a modern wide-bore MRI scanner, including equipment purchase, installation, and necessary facility modifications. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it preserves local access to essential diagnostic imaging in a rural, geographically isolated community and avoids significant travel burdens that can delay care for residents and personnel at Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, who rely on this facility for their primary care.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under the Public Health Service Act.

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

Sincerely,



VINCE FONG
Member of Congress