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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting community project funding for the Benson Hospital Emergency Department and Laboratory Modernization Project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Benson Hospital, located at 450 S. Ocotillo Ave, Benson AZ 85602.

The funding would be used to expand the emergency department and construct a modern laboratory at Benson Hospital to meet increasing demand for care and strengthen essential public health and safety infrastructure in a rural, medically underserved community. Benson Hospital is a designated Critical Access Hospital and Level IV trauma center serving southeastern Arizona and functions as a critical access point for residents and travelers along a major highway corridor between Tucson and New Mexico, as well as an active regional rail line. The project includes construction of approximately 5,000 square feet of new space adjacent to the emergency department. It will add two emergency department treatment rooms and replace the hospital's existing laboratory, which is currently housed in an aging mobile unit that cannot support modern equipment or required environmental controls. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it invests directly in publicly owned healthcare infrastructure serving a defined rural population.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Juan Ciscomani', written in a cursive style.

Juan Ciscomani
Member of Congress