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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman,
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The Honorable Rose DeLauro
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro

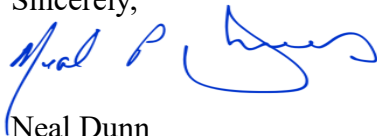
I am requesting funding for restoring full inpatient capacity at Calhoun Liberty Hospital in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Calhoun Liberty Hospital, located at 16257 SR71, Blountstown, FL 32424.

The funding would be used to restore full inpatient capacity at its new rural hospital by building out 16 additional inpatient rooms and related infrastructure. The project will address sustained bed demand, reduce transfers to distant hospitals, expand rehabilitation and specialty care capacity and create more than 20 new clinical and support jobs while improving access for residents across a four-county region. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it strengthens the only hospital serving a large rural area where access to care is shaped by long travel distances, provider shortages and persistent economic barriers. CLH serves more than 25,000 residents across four counties and 1,400 square miles, and its core service area includes communities with high poverty, a worsening primary care physician ratio in Calhoun County and no primary care physicians in Liberty County.

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,



Neal Dunn
Member of Congress