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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

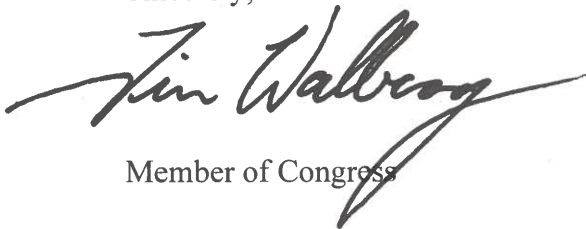
I am requesting funding for the Emergency Department Respite Room to Support Adolescent Mental Health Care – Henry Ford Jackson Hospital in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Henry Ford Jackson Hospital (formerly Henry Ford Allegiance Health; legal name W.A. Foote Memorial Hospital, Inc.), located at 205 N. East Avenue, Jackson, MI 49201.

The funding would be used to establish a new respite room for pediatric patients with mental health needs in the emergency department (ED) at Henry Ford Jackson Hospital. The project would modify an existing space that connects to a preferred location for psychiatric care within the ED. This renovation would expand the footprint of the current location, creating a space that remains secure while providing a therapeutic environment and respite for pediatric patients and their family members or care takers. In Jackson, wait times for transfers to pediatric inpatient psychiatric facilities can be very lengthy. These limitations in accessing care are compounded by the growing rate of mental healthcare needs by the child and adolescent population. By establishing a respite room for pediatric patients and their families while they await transfer for inpatient services, the project will alleviate some of the burden families face during their long length of stay.

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

Sincerely,



Member of Congress