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House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

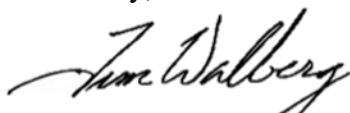
I am requesting funding for the Insight Hospital & Medical Center Coldwater Psychiatric Unit Renovation Project. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Community Health Center of Branch County, located at 274 E. Chicago St, Coldwater, MI 49036. The funding would be used to renovate and modernize the inpatient behavioral health unit. Restoring the unit to its full licensed capacity of sixteen (16) inpatient psychiatric beds.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because when local psychiatric beds are unavailable, individuals in crisis are often held in emergency departments for extended periods or transferred outside Branch County, creating significant financial and operational burdens for Medicare, Medicaid, patients, and local public systems. Limited inpatient access also contributes to repeated cycles through emergency rooms, county jails, and crisis placements for individuals experiencing serious mental illness or homelessness, driving higher costs across healthcare, corrections, and social service systems. Restoring the psychiatric unit to its full sixteen-bed capacity will reduce these system pressures by enabling timely local stabilization, shortening crisis response times, improving discharge coordination, and decreasing repeat crises.

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

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

Sincerely,



Tim Walberg
Member of Congress