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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Wabasha, MN, Emplify Health's primary care and rehabilitation expansion in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Gundersen St. Elizabeth's Hospital non-profit, located at 1200 5th Grant Boulevard W, Wabasha, MN, 55981.

The funding would be used to support the hospital's primary care, rehabilitation, and retail pharmacy expansion project. The expansion will be between 15,000 – 18,000 square feet and offer physical therapy, occupational therapy, respiratory therapy, cardiac rehabilitation, and retail pharmacy services.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because St. Elizabeth's Hospital plays a critical role in delivering health care to the surrounding rural community. As the only hospital in Wabasha County (population: 21,658), the new rehabilitation and wellness center, together with an expanded outpatient pharmacy, will strengthen St. Elizabeth's capacity to provide exceptional care and services to patients of all ages. Further, the additional space will allow for the recruitment of more providers and the expansion of new services, strengthening their capacity to provide exceptional care and services to the entire rural service area.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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

Sincerely,



Brad Finstad
Member of Congress