

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515-0403

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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Berryville Hospital MRI in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Mercy Berryville Hospital located at 214 Carter St. Berryville, Arkansas 72616. The funding will help establish an MRI unit at Mercy Berryville Hospital in Berryville, Arkansas. Mercy Berryville Hospital currently does not have an MRI unit and patients needing MRI services are transferred or must travel to larger out-of-town hospitals to receive the service. With an MRI unit permanently available at Mercy Berryville Hospital, loved-ones, family, friends, and neighbors will have increased opportunity to assist patients that may need transportation to receive MRI services. Mercy Berryville Hospital is also a part of the 1st ever Rural Training Program (RTP) in the state of Arkansas. The initial Family Practice Residents will arrive at Mercy Berryville Hospital in July 2024. Given that MRI is now considered a regular diagnostic tool at a physician's disposal, an MRI will also improve the training and learning experience for the physician residents while at the same time enhancing services for patients in Berryville and the surrounding rural region. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will provide increased health access and services to residents of Berryville, Carroll County, and the surrounding area.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 7 U.S. Code Section 2250. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Steve Womack  
Member of Congress