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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
1036 Longworth House Office Building
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Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

~~I request funding for the Expansion and Modernization of the Ambulatory Surgery and Obstetrics~~
Department at Abbeville General Hospital in the fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Hospital Service District No. 2, Parish of Vermilion, dba Abbeville General Hospital, located at 118 N. Hospital Drive, Abbeville, LA 70510. The funding would be the purpose of expanding and modernizing the Ambulatory Surgery and Obstetrics Departments to allow Abbeville General Hospital a needed “pop off valve” or “surgical/delivery relief” to meet the growing volume of surgeries and deliveries. In addition, the separated building would mitigate elected procedures/delays in treatment. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses disparities in rural health care and maternal health in Louisiana.

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.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Clay Higgins".

Clay Higgins
Member of Congress