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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$4,300,000 for Covenant Health Roane's orthopedic and general surgery & CT access expansion in FY 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Covenant Health Roane, located at 8045 Roane Medical Center Drive, Harriman, TN 37748. The funding would support a unified solution to two critical needs at Covenant Health Roane: the expansion and modernization of clinical office space for orthopedic and general surgery services, and the implementation of an additional computed tomography (CT) scanner. This integrated initiative is strategically designed to address the current and future healthcare demands of the Roane County community by improving access to specialized surgical care and enhancing diagnostic imaging capabilities. By integrating these enhancements, Covenant Health Roane strengthens continuity of care, allowing patients to receive consultations, follow-ups, surgical coordination, and advanced imaging within their local community. This reduces the need for travel to distant facilities, improves patient satisfaction and treatment adherence, and reinforces the hospital's reputation as a trusted provider. This project is a strategic priority that will expand service capacity, improve clinical outcomes, support emergency responsiveness, and ensure that high-quality surgical and diagnostic care remain accessible close to home for this rural community.

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

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

Sincerely,

Congressman Chuck Fleischmann  
Member of Congress