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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$ 1,300,000.00 for a Mobile Health Unit Replacements for the St. Mary's Health Wagon in fiscal year 2027.

The entity to receive this funding is the St. Mary's Health Wagon with offices located at 5626 Patriot Drive, Wise, VA 24293.

This funding is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because it will assist to replace these three aging units to provide a robust mobile health access solution and expand access to dental, medical, disaster relief response, and behavioral health services to the most vulnerable residents of Southwest Virginia.

The Health Wagon began as a mobile clinic in a Volkswagen Beetle, evolving into a robust and transformative healthcare delivery model through innovative mobile units, outreach programs, rich programmatic service lines, and state-of-the-art clinic services.

All six counties (Buchanan, Dickenson, Lee, Russell, Scott, and Wise) in the service area meet HRSA's definition of rural, and are designated as Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) and Medically Underserved Areas (MUAs). Through its mobile medical units, the Health Wagon expands healthcare access across rural Southwest Virginia by traveling weekly across the six counties to provide primary care, preventive screenings, and specialty medical services directly to underserved communities. Three of the mobile medical units are aging and reaching the end of their useful life.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "H. Morgan Griffith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "H." and last name "Griffith" clearly legible.

H. MORGAN GRIFFITH
Member of Congress