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

May 1, 2024

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Department of Agriculture, Community Facilities Grant Program, in the amount of \$1,400,000 in FY25.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Children's Health System of Texas (Children's Health), located at 1935 Medical District Drive, Dallas, Texas 75235.

The funding would be used for Children's Health's dedicated Neonatal and Pediatric Specialty Transport Service team to help newborns and children in rural Texas arrive safely at a medical facility equipped to provide lifesaving care. The funds requested will be used to replace six infant transport incubators, also known as isolettes, that are reaching the end of life. Isolettes are critical for monitoring babies' hearts and lungs during an ambulance ride from one health care facility to another and for providing a warm environment for children with difficulty regulating their body temperatures.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because with the help of a small amount of federal funding, Children's Health can purchase six of the most advanced isolettes on the market for transport, including those equipped with Servo-controlled temperature regulation, new ventilators offering intensive care unit (ICU)-type ventilation, and integrated software for monitoring.

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 neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Ellzey', written over a printed name and title.

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