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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 House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for construction for the expansion of a childcare and workforce support facility in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Pikeville Medical Center, located at 911 Bypass Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501.

The funding would be used to renovate existing space and purchase equipment to expand the Appalachian Valley Angel (AVA) Academy, a licensed childcare program designed to accommodate non-traditional healthcare work schedules. This project will expand access to reliable childcare for healthcare workers, addressing a key barrier to workforce participation and improving recruitment and retention, while strengthening staffing stability at a major regional provider. It will also increase access to quality early childhood services, supporting better health outcomes and long-term economic stability across the region.

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

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress