

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-2503

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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Lake Regional Healthcare Equipment Modernization in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Lake Regional Health System located at 54 Hospital Drive, Osage Beach, MO 65065. The funding would be used to replace Lake Regional Cancer Center's linear accelerator, which is the primary equipment used for external beam radiation to treat cancer.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide access to cancer treatment in a rural area. There is no other facility that provides radiation therapy within a 50-mile radius. Failure to replace this machine would result in significant care disruption for cancer patients who rely on local treatment.

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.

Sincerely,



Bob Onder (MO-03)  
Member of Congress