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**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC**

March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the DeKalb Regional Medical Center - Operating Room (OR) modernization in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the DeKalb Regional Medical Center, located at 200 Medical Center Drive SW, Fort Payne, AL 35968. The funding would be used to create two additional operating rooms, including OR equipment, within the hospital's existing footprint. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it aligns with federal goals to improve healthcare access and outcomes in rural areas.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert B. Aderholt".

Robert B. Aderholt  
Member of Congress