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March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole, Chairman
The Honorable Rosa DeLauro, Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307
U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I request \$2,000,000 million in funding for the Steele Memorial Rehabilitation Facility Modernization for Rural Access and Safety project in Fiscal Year 2027. The intended recipient is Steele Memorial Medical Center, located at 111 Lilian Street, Salmon, Idaho, 83467. Steele Memorial Medical Center is a county-owned, federally designated Critical Access Hospital. The rehabilitation department is a critical component of the local continuum of care, supporting safe discharge planning, functional recovery, and the prevention of complications that can lead to higher-cost emergency visits. For a remote Critical Access Hospital, dependable local rehabilitation capacity helps patients recover safely at home and reduces avoidable downstream utilization. This funding addresses a core rural healthcare infrastructure needed in Lemhi County's geographically isolated frontier region by ensuring timely, medically necessary rehabilitation services are available in a safe, private, and ADA-accessible setting. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve patient safety and privacy for therapy required after injury, surgery, illness, or mobility decline.

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

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 that reads "Mike Simpson" followed by the initials "M.C." in a smaller font.

Mike Simpson
Member of Congress