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March 5, 2026

The Honorable Robert Aderholt, Chair  
The Honorable Rosa DeLauro, Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Aderholt and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As Mayor of the City of Rexburg, I am pleased to offer my strong support for Madison Memorial Hospital's request for **Community Project Funding through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Health Facilities Construction and Equipment program** for its **Radiology Department Expansion Project**.

Rexburg and the surrounding Upper Valley region continue to experience steady population growth. With that growth has come increased demand for timely and accessible healthcare services. Madison Memorial Hospital plays a vital role in meeting these needs, and its Radiology Department is central to the hospital's ability to diagnose and treat patients efficiently.

The proposed expansion—including additional ultrasound machines to support telehealth outreach, a C-Arm for real-time imaging, a second CT scanner, and a PET scanner—will significantly strengthen the hospital's diagnostic capabilities. These technologies will allow physicians to detect serious conditions earlier and begin treatment more quickly, improving outcomes for patients throughout eastern Idaho.

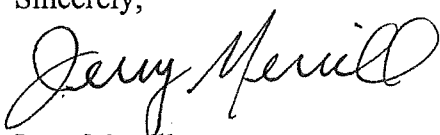
Equally important, this project will help ensure that families in Rexburg and neighboring communities can receive advanced imaging services close to home. Without these resources locally available, many patients must travel considerable distances to obtain specialized diagnostic testing, which can delay care and increase financial burden.

Investing in this expansion will support the continued growth of healthcare services in our region while improving access for residents who rely on Madison Memorial Hospital every day.

I respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of Madison Memorial Hospital's Community Project Funding request.

Thank you for your leadership in supporting healthcare access for communities across the nation.

Sincerely,



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Dear Chair Aderholt and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As Chairman of the Madison County Board of Commissioners, I am writing to express the County's strong support for Madison Memorial Hospital's request for **Community Project Funding under the HRSA Health Facilities Construction and Equipment program** for the **Radiology Department Expansion Project**.

Madison Memorial Hospital serves as the primary healthcare provider for Madison County and much of the surrounding rural region. For thousands of residents across our county—including many who live in small towns and agricultural communities—this hospital represents the most accessible point of care for both routine and specialized medical services.

Diagnostic imaging plays a critical role in modern healthcare, and Madison Memorial Hospital's Radiology Department is one of the busiest services within the facility. As patient volumes have increased and technology has evolved, expanding imaging capacity and upgrading equipment has become essential to maintaining reliable diagnostic services for our region.

The proposed project would add key imaging technologies, including additional ultrasound capability, a C-Arm for advanced procedures, a second CT scanner, and a PET scanner. These improvements will allow patients to receive comprehensive diagnostic care locally rather than traveling long distances to larger cities. For rural residents—particularly seniors and individuals with limited transportation—local access to advanced imaging can be the difference between early diagnosis and delayed treatment.

From a county perspective, this investment strengthens the healthcare infrastructure that our residents depend upon. It will reduce wait times, improve early detection of serious illness, and ensure that Madison County residents continue to have access to high-quality medical services close to home.

For these reasons, the Madison County Board of Commissioners strongly supports this request and respectfully encourages favorable consideration of Madison Memorial Hospital's Community Project Funding application.

Thank you for your continued commitment to improving healthcare access in rural communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Todd Smith".

Todd Smith  
Chairman  
Madison County Board of Commissioners