

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

March 27, 2026

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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Mobile Integrated Health and State Medical Assistance Team Headquarters project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Novant Health Pender Medical Center located at 507 E Fremont Street Burgaw, NC 28425. The funding would be used to establish a Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) and regional State Medical Assistance Team (SMAT) headquarters, consolidating emergency medical services, intensive care ground and helicopter transportation, non-emergency medical transport, community paramedics, and regional emergency response assets.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it creates an operational base for mobile medical support during catastrophic events while training personnel for disaster response and rapid deployment, strengthening healthcare readiness and public. By enhancing coordination and preparedness through regional healthcare partners, the project helps close critical gaps in emergency response and access to emergency care throughout southeastern North Carolina.

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,



Member of Congress