April 27, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Eagle View Community Health Monmouth Clinic in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Henderson County Rural Health Center, Inc., d.b.a. Eagle View Community Health System (EVCHS), located at 1204 Hwy 164 E, Oquawka, Illinois 61469.

The funding would be used to address the gap in health services that has been created by restricted access to health professionals during the pandemic by opening a clinic location in Monmouth, IL. This location will enable EVCHS to better serve the area with dental, medical, and behavioral health services by increasing both availability of appointments and access to services geographically. EVCHS offers a sliding fee schedule along with nominal fees charged for those who are under or uninsured, creating access to necessary services for families who may be financially restricted.

The clinic in Monmouth also affords the opportunity to reach potentially underserved populations. Warren County is home to a large pork processing plant. It is reported that due to many immigrants that work in this plant there are over 10 different languages spoken there which also filters into the student population where several students are enrolled in the ESL (English Second Language) program.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Cheri Bustos
Member of Congress