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March 27, 2026

Chairman Tom Cole
2207 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro
2413 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Jericho Road Community Health Center Electronic Health Record Implementation project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Jericho Road Ministries, Inc., located at 184 Barton Street, Buffalo, New York 14213. The funding would be used for the acquisition and full implementation of Epic, an enterprise-grade Electronic Health Record system, including system licenses, data conversion, interfaces, patient engagement technology, clinical devices, and implementation support.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Jericho Road Community Health Center is a Federally Qualified Health Center serving over 25,000 patients annually across six Buffalo clinic sites, primarily Medicaid-enrolled and uninsured residents on Buffalo's East and West Sides. Kaleida Health and Erie County Medical Center, the two largest hospital systems in the region and the primary inpatient destinations for Jericho Road's patients, are both completing transitions to Epic by end of 2026. Without this upgrade, providers will lack real-time access to the inpatient records of their most vulnerable patients at the exact moment those records are needed. This investment will eliminate dangerous fragmentation in care, improve patient safety, strengthen the long-term financial sustainability of a critical safety-net provider, and expand access to high-quality, coordinated care for Buffalo's most underserved communities.

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 black ink that reads "Timothy M. Kennedy".

Timothy M. Kennedy
Member of Congress