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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the **SRMC Patient Care and Emergency Response Infrastructure Project** in fiscal year 2027. The public entity project sponsor to receive funding for this project is Schneider Regional Medical Center (SRMC), located in the U.S. Virgin Islands at 9048 Sugar Estate, St. Thomas, VI 00802. The anticipated location of the project is 9048 Sugar Estate, St. Thomas, VI 00802.

The requested funding would be used by SRMC to purchase essential patient care and diagnostic equipment to support hospital operations and emergency response capacity. SRMC is the only hospital serving residents of St. Thomas and St. John, delivering emergency, inpatient, surgical, and specialty services to a large portion of the Territory's population. Healthcare infrastructure in the Virgin Islands continues to face challenges from aging equipment, ongoing disaster recovery needs following the severe damage caused by Hurricane Irma in 2017, and geographic isolation. This project will procure 16 ZOLL X Series defibrillators to strengthen cardiac emergency response capacity; three Abbott i-STAT point-of-care blood analyzers to enable rapid bedside diagnostics in emergency, surgical, and critical care settings; 15 patient transport stretchers and 30 stretcher mattresses to support safe patient movement within the facility; and telemedicine carts, cameras, and related hardware to expand access to remote specialty consultation. This funding is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will strengthen emergency response capacity, improve diagnostic turnaround times, and expand specialist access for the residents of St. Thomas and St. John.

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,



Stacey E. Plaskett
Member of Congress