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March 24, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **Mendonoma Mobile Health Clinic** project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is **Mendonoma Health Alliance**, located at 39251 S. Highway 1, Gualala, CA 95445.

The funding would be used for MHA and its partners will launch primary care services via mobile clinic to the distant and underserved coastal communities of southern Mendocino and northern Sonoma counties.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because residents of the MHA service area face a unique combination of factors that create disparities in health care. These include economic factors, age distribution, cultural and social differences, educational shortcomings, and the isolation of living in a remote rural area. Funding to support the planning and launch of a mobile health clinic will ensure expanded access to health care and other wrap-around services, which will improve the quality and delivery of health care services, reducing costly ER transports, hospital admissions and hospital readmissions, improving population health by implementing evidence-based practices, and expanding the availability of primary care services, timely referrals and health care coordination in small outlying communities.

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

Sincerely,



Jared Huffman
Member of Congress