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May 3, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole 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 Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **The Purchase and Renovation of the West Marin Pharmacy** project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is **Petaluma Health Center, Inc.**, located at 3 6th Street, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956.

The funding would be used for Petaluma Health Center, Inc.to assist in the purchase, renovation and equip the West Marin Pharmacy in Point Reyes Station to serve the residents of rural West Marin.

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 this one-time investment will allow this rural community to continue to have a local pharmacy in its community. Petaluma Health Center has developed a business plan for this pharmacy that will allow it to cover the costs of operating the pharmacy once it is renovated. Low-income patients in West Marin must travel to Petaluma to access free or low-cost medications available through the 340B federal pharmacy discount program. This project will increase access to pharmacy services for all residents of West Marin, and especially for low-income essential workers and low-income families who will gain access to free or low-cost medications.

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

Sincerely,

Jared Huffman

Member of Congress