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April 27, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

Thank you for your work on the fiscal year 2023 appropriations legislation. I respectfully request funding for the following project in Tennessee's second congressional district:

Project Name: East Tennessee Children's Hospital MRI Replacement

Project Address: 2018 Clinch Ave. Knoxville, TN 37916

Recipient Address: 2018 Clinch Ave. Knoxville, TN 37916

Project Description: As Tennessee's only independent, not-for-profit children's hospital, East Tennessee Children's Hospital (ETCH) provides care to all patients despite their ability to pay, serving a ~65% Medicaid population. ETCH serves patients from 73 of the 95 Tennessee counties annually, taking care of more than 330,000 patient encounters. ETCH has a comprehensive Pediatric Radiology Department with a 21-year-old MRI unit. The MRI, ETCH's only one, is end of life and needs replacement. With nearly 21,000 MRI exams since 2017, the MRI is an essential diagnostic tool for our expert clinicians. The new MRI requested by ETCH will perform any exam a patient needs, improve the image quality of every exam, and allow certain exams, such as cardiac exams, to be performed. In addition, it will increase the speed of exams and capacity of care that ETCH is able to provide.

Amount Requested: \$2,500,000

Account: HHS/Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) – Program Management

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in the above project. Thank you again for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Tim Burchett
MEMBER OF CONGRESS