

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1503

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

Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

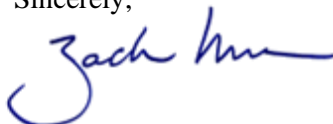
I am requesting the Appropriations Committee provide a funding level of \$2,010,747.75 for Wayne County Hospital Dialysis Center in Corydon, Iowa as a community project funding request. The intended recipient is Wayne County Hospital (WCH) located at 417 S. East Street Corydon, IA 50060. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will be used to build a new 5,000-sq.-ft. dialysis center on existing WCH-owned property. It will provide WCH with the remainder of the funding necessary to expand and enhance WCH's capacity to provide critically needed, high-quality, and accessible dialysis care services to the many patients it serves in a 75-mile, six-county service area.

Rural healthcare in America is in crisis, and rural healthcare providers need federal taxpayer support. On average, one rural hospital closes every month somewhere in America. This trend has continued for more than a decade. Every time a rural hospital closes, the local residents must travel longer distances to receive proper medical care. Further, the people of Wayne County are sicker, older, and poorer than the national average – and compared to other Iowans. Specifically, Wayne County ranks 64 out of 99 Iowa counties in overall health. Wayne County residents rank worse than the Iowa average in every meaningful health category – obesity, tobacco use, diabetes, heart disease, stroke death, chronic respiratory disease and death, and regular physical activity.

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

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Zach Nunn
Member of Congress