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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chairwoman House Committee on Appropriations Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Rural Public Health Certificate Project in Fiscal Year 2023. This request is for the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education account. The entity to receive funding for the project is University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Center, located at 13001 East 17th Place, Aurora, CO 80045.

The University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Center is seeking \$783,580 to develop and implement certification in rural public health for medical students. This program, which is a joint effort by the School of Medicine and the Colorado School of Public Health, would develop and implement a curriculum for students obtaining their rural public health certificate, and support current and future students in the rural health program. Following the project, the certification process will be embedded in the School of Medicine's Rural Program and be accessible to other healthcare disciplines.

This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as this project is crucial to ensuring that rural patients, many who utilize federal health services, have ease of access to local physicians who can meet their clinical needs and the public health needs of rural communities. Maintaining and optimizing the health of rural populations requires both individual and population-based health services, including public health.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Jason Crow Member of Congress