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May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Enhancing Care for Our Veterans through Mobile Medical Simulation project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Central Michigan University, located at 1632 Stone Street, Saginaw, Michigan 48602. The funding would be used to support an innovative mobile medical education platform that would enable the delivery of simulation-based medical training directly to VA clinical facilities and rural communities, helping to connect medical professionals with patients in rural areas, particularly our veterans. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this initiative will address the critical need for high-quality, hands-on medical training, particularly for providers in rural or underserved areas who lack access to advanced simulation-based education.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 2331 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, 7 U.S. Code section 950aaa.

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

Sincerely,

Kristen McDonald Rivet
Member of Congress