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May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Rural Brain Health Screening and Prevention in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health, located at 888 West Bonneville Ave., Las Vegas, Nevada 89106. The funding would be used to enable the Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health to expand access to neurological dementia care for rural older adults in Southern Nevada by launching mobile brain health screening care using a portable MRI scanner. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will bring cutting-edge imaging to underserved rural communities to detect early signs of dementia and stroke-related brain changes, such as white matter disease and brain atrophy.

The 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susie Lee".

Susie Lee
Member of Congress