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Congress of the United States
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Chairman Tom Cole
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Plymouth County Healthcare Workforce Development Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Plymouth County, 44 Obery Street, Plymouth, MA 02360 . The funds would enable Plymouth County to purchase virtual reality based medical training equipment that will support education for students, providers, and first responders. The tables are life-sized computer tablets that contain MRI images of six donated human cadavers and replace gross anatomy labs in healthcare education. The VR headsets allow students to practice pre-hospital and emergency medicine skills, and we will work with fire department partners for first responder clinical training in support of state initiatives around ER diversion. It will also support K-12 STEM education, and these K-12 students can explore health careers using these technologies. This project will enable the County to collaborate with local hospitals and institutions of higher learning to help create better public health outcomes. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it supports both public health and workforce development and ensures that the local workforce skillset is adequate to meet the needs of hospitals, providers, and EMS services in the region.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under the Public Health Services Act.

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

Sincerely,


WILLIAM R. KEATING
Member of Congress