April 28, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting $2,000,000.00 in fiscal year 2023 community project funding for “BID Plymouth: Emergency Department Observation Unit Expansion” located in Plymouth, MA. The entity to receive funding is Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital–Plymouth, Inc. with offices located at 275 Sandwich Street, Plymouth, MA 02360.

This project at BID-Plymouth Hospital will expand the current Emergency Department with a 25 bed Observation Unit to better accommodate the increasing demand for services in the Emergency Department.

This funding is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it will help provide greater access to healthcare services to residents of Plymouth and the surrounding communities. These South Shore/Upper Cape Cod communities are growing, and the BID-Plymouth Hospital Emergency Department is often at or beyond capacity. Funding for this project will provide a direct benefit to residents by ensuring sufficient ED capacity and providing access to care that could help reduce the amount of time a patient needs to be at the hospital and reduce the cost burden for patients.

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

Sincerely,

William R. Keating  
Member of Congress