

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20510**

May 3, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Washington State Hospital Association Rural Hospitals Birthing/Maternity Training & Capacity Expansion project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Washington State Hospital Association.

The funding would be used to provide technical assistance, training, and simulations that are in line with recommendations from the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) to 30 critical access hospitals (CAH) that have delivery services and 14 without delivery services (ED training) most of which are also critical access hospitals. All 43 hospitals are in rural, underserved areas. The Washington State Hospital Association will support these hospitals with training and virtual simulation.

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 has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kim Schrier", written in a cursive style.

Kim Schrier, M.D.  
Member of Congress