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April 27, 2022

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Grant County Public Hospital District No 1, dba Samaritan Healthcare in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is Grant County Public Hospital District No 1, dba Samaritan Healthcare, located at 801 E Wheeler Rd, Moses Lake, WA 98837.

The funding would be used for Samaritan Healthcare, which is leading a new Women and Infant Services Initiative to respond to the growing need in the community to create a state of the art labor and delivery options close to home.

Unlike many rural communities, the population of the region is growing and diversifying. Among the Grand Columbia Health Alliance's seven public hospital members, Samaritan serves as the center of a hub and spoke delivery system that is focused on increasing quality, reducing unnecessary outmigration, supporting efficient and seamless care delivery, and that understands and supports the diversity and socioeconomics of the region. Samaritan's Women and Infant Services Initiative is the only source of services for this level of maternity and post-natal care in the region.

As the need for more medically complicated pregnancies and births continues to rise, Samaritan will redevelop its labor and delivery unit to meet modern health standards and provide the best possible care for families. The creation of an Advanced Delivery unit will allow more families with complicated births and more women with critical conditions to get high quality care close to home.

Samaritan Healthcare's facility and financial resources have been stretched to their limit during the COVID-19 pandemic. Samaritan has a \$160+ million new hospital construction project underway that has exhausted the debt capacity of the hospital.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan Newhouse".

Dan Newhouse
Member of Congress