



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro: I am requesting funding for Bed Innovation and Safety Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Butler Memorial Hospital, located at One Hospital Way Butler PA 16001. The funding would be used to replace 166 of the hospital's 256 beds in the Intensive Care Unit (28 beds) and Medical-Surgical units (128 beds). This project will modernize critical patient care infrastructure by introducing advanced hospital beds equipped with state-of-the art safety, monitoring, and mobility features that align with current clinical standards. The replacement effort will directly improve patient outcomes, enhance staff safety, and strengthen the hospital's operational efficiency. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it supports community hospital operations, which are critical to the health and economic vitality of the community and serve thousands of residents across PA-16. Without this investment, the hospital would be forced to continue operating with outdated equipment, increasing the risk of complications, longer hospital stays, and higher overall healthcare expenses. This is a prudent and responsible use of taxpayer funds because it represents a one-time capital investment that produces long-term public benefit and a return on investment that has more than a fiduciary value. By improving patient outcomes and reducing preventable adverse events, the project can lower avoidable healthcare costs borne by public programs such as Medicare and Medicaid. It also strengthens local access to care, supports emergency preparedness, and sustains a major regional employer and economic anchor. Investing in safe, modern hospital infrastructure protects community health, enhances operational efficiency, and delivers measurable value to taxpayers by preventing more costly problems in the future.

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

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

Sincerely,

Member of Congress