



**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 Sharon Regional Health System Medical Imaging Modernization Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Sharon Regional Medical Center, located at 740 East State Street, Sharon, PA, 16146. The funding would be used for procurement of a CT Machine to be installed at SRMC's flagship hospital. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because CT technology enables evidence-based, rapid evaluation of chest-pain patients using coronary CT angiography (CCTA), which helps clinicians quickly determine whether acute coronary syndrome (ACS) is present. This avoids unnecessary admissions, duplicate testing, and prolonged ED observation for the large share of patients who ultimately do not have ACS, all of which drive up costs. In major trials, an early CCTA strategy has been shown to reduce hospital/ED length of stay by 7-8 hours compared with standard evaluation, which improves care capacity and lowers avoidable utilization while maintaining safe outcomes. This matters locally because Mercer County's heart-disease burden is high (about 217 deaths per 100,000 in recent estimates) and Pennsylvania's statewide cardiovascular mortality is about 174 per 100,000, making faster, more accurate cardiac triage and earlier detection a direct pathway to better outcomes and lower costs. A 256-slice platform also supports high-quality cardiac imaging, helping SRMC keep patients in the community for timely diagnosis and treatment rather than delaying care or shifting cases to more distant facilities, reducing transportation and transfer-related costs for families and the healthcare system.

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