April 27th, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, Education, and Related Agencies  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Ranking Member  
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Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Cole:

I am requesting $215,000 for the Piatt County Nursing Home Emergency Power System Upgrade project in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Piatt County Nursing Home, located at 1111 North State Street, Monticello, IL 61856.

The funding would be used for providing the Piatt County Nursing Home with an emergency power system sufficient to power all environment support systems during a natural disaster when the electric grid is down. The current emergency power generator was installed in approximately 1980 and currently is only capable of powering a small number of wall outlets, the call light system, egress lighting, and the heating system. Notably, the current system is not capable of providing power for the air chiller unit, which is the only source of air conditioning the facility has.

Piatt County Nursing Home is one of only 17 county government operated nursing homes in the state. It serves all elderly residents of the county in need of skilled and intermediate nursing care. As a rural community, the elderly in need of nursing service would be greatly underserved without this organization. An investment in its infrastructure is a direct investment in the care and protection of this vulnerable population. The facility also serves as a training location for Parkland College health professions which includes nursing and certified nursing assistant (CNA) programs in the area of long-term care.

I thank you for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,

Rodney Davis  
Member of Congress