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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
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H-305, the Capitol  
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Shodair Children's Hospital Genetics Expansion and Rural Mobile Outreach in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Shodair Children's Hospital, located at 2755 Colonial Drive, Helena, MT 59601. The funding would be used to expand the Hospital's Pediatric Genetics Program to support whole-genome sequencing. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would allow Montana families to no longer need to travel out of state to receive whole-genome sequencing to detect development and intellectual disabilities in children.

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

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

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Troy Downing".

Troy Downing  
Member of Congress