April 26, 2021

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
Room H-307
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for Monongahela Valley Hospital Foundation for Fiscal Year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Monongahela Valley Hospital Foundation located at 1163 Country Club Road, Monongahela, Pennsylvania 15063.

The funding, totaling $455,000, would be used to create a 14-bed Level 4 Detoxification Unit to serve patients with severe drug addiction in Washington, Westmoreland, Fayette, and Greene Counties.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and will provide much-needed medical services to a region highly affected by the opioid epidemic. In 2017, Pennsylvania overdose deaths peaked at 5,369. That same year, the Monongahela Valley Hospital averaged 162 drug and alcohol-related admissions per month. As of March 25, 2021 there have been 33 suspected drug overdose deaths in Washington County alone, up from 20 over the same period in 2020.

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

Very respectfully,

Guy Reschenthaler
Member of Congress