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April 28, 2021

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$247,884 for Rural Health Outreach – Red Bud, Illinois in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is ComWell, located at 10257 State Route 3, Red Bud, IL 62278.

The funding would be used for rural health outreach focusing on psychiatric and mental health care. The proposal is to add psychiatric nurse practitioner time in collaboration with their psychiatrist to improve access to psychiatric assessments and on-going medication management services.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits. It is estimated that by diverting even 10 percent of individuals from an emergency department visit to outpatient psychiatric care, that is a cost savings between \$14,430 (non-boarding visit) up to a cost savings of \$82,446 if the patients were “boarded” in the emergency department. This is compared to an average of \$5,850 total cost if the same people were seen through ComWell in outpatient psychiatric care.

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

Sincerely,



Mike Bost
Member of Congress