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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the former Army Navy General Hospital in Hot Springs, AR, in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the state of Arkansas, and the property is located at 105 Reserve St, Hot Springs, AR 71901. The funding would be used for demolition, stabilization, and remediation of the former Army Navy General Hospital in Hot Springs, AR. It is an iconic building that has fallen into serious disrepair and poses a major risk to Hot Springs National Park and the thermal springs for which Hot Springs is known. Demolition, remediation, and stabilization of the property are necessary to mitigate fire risk and protect the property, National Park, and downtown area. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the property was once a federal entity and there is a severe risk of fire, contamination, and security.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4), which provides for clearance, demolition, removal, reconstruction, and rehabilitation of buildings and improvements.

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

Sincerely,

Bruce Westerman Member of Congress