



March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Telemedicine Investment Project for Avenal, Lindsay, Hanford, Kettleman City, Stratford, and Porterville Health Clinics

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Telemedicine Investment Project for Avenal, Lindsay, Hanford, Kettleman City, Stratford, and Porterville Health Clinics in FY 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Aria Community Health Center, located at 555 E Street, Lemoore, CA 93245.

This funding will be used to equip eight Aria Community Health Center sites across the cities of Avenal, Lindsay, Hanford, Kettleman City, Stratford, and Porterville with cutting-edge diagnostic technology for preemptively treating vision, oral, and foot conditions. This technology includes retinol imaging for diabetic eye screening, modern dental imaging, and laser treatment for chronic foot conditions, delivering timely and high-quality screenings to patients. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it bridges gaps in rural healthcare access and will improve health outcomes for nearly 27,000 adult and pediatric patients in multiple underserved communities throughout the Central Valley.

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David G. Valadao".

David G. Valadao
Member of Congress