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

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

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for a new Computerized Tomography (CT) scanner in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center, located at Elm and Carlton Streets, Buffalo, New York, 14263.

The funding would be used to purchase a new CT scanner to be used by Roswell Park primarily to conduct screenings for lung cancer. Only about 6 percent of all eligible individuals in the United States receive the recommended lung cancer screening each year. Not only will a new CT scanner allow Roswell Park to continue to offer high-quality lung cancer screenings, Roswell Park will be able invest the money saved on the cost of the scanner into standing up a free, publicly available lung cancer screening registry. Data will be shared with CMS and other federal agencies and there will be no cost barrier to credential providers with the goal of increasing access to lung cancer screening, raising screening compliance rates, and reducing health disparities in screening and lung cancer outcomes.

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

Sincerely,



Brian Higgins
Member of Congress