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April 27, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
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 the UMC Robotics Expansion in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is El Paso County Hospital District/University Medical Center of El Paso, located at 4815 Alameda Ave, El Paso, TX 79905.

The funding would be used to purchase a Da Vinci Single Port (SP) robot at University Medical Center of El Paso to improve minimally invasive service offerings for the El Paso community. It is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the SP robot will allow University Medical Center to expand its capacity to provide high level medical care to the region, including uninsured individuals. Additionally, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center medical residents will have the opportunity to train on the equipment, strengthening the breadth of their training as our future medical workforce. Finally, the SP robot will provide a valuable tool to treat urological cancer, a treatment not currently available in El Paso.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Veronica Escobar".

Veronica Escobar
Member of Congress