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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Mobile Tele-Optometry Equipment for School-Based Vision Services project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Progressive Community health Centers, Inc. located at 3522 W. Lisbon Avenue Milwaukee, WI 53208.

The funding would be used for capital expenses to expand access to comprehensive vision services for health facilities serving medically underserved populations. Progressive Community Health Centers, Inc. is a nonprofit Federally Qualified Health Center and ninety-five percent of its patients live at or below 200% of the federal poverty level, most rely on Medicaid, Medicare, or are uninsured. The funding would be used purchase two mobile tele-optometry diagnostic units to add comprehensive pediatric vision exams into an existing school-based dental sealant program that served 474 unique students in seven public schools in 2025. At full implementation, the program is projected to provide approximately 1,200 to 1,400 comprehensive eye exams annually, with a phased ramp-up during the first year of implementation.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it provides needed health services in areas with documented need. It would help identify and mitigate previously undiagnosed vision conditions that can interfere with learning. Improved access to vision care can improve student's academic performance, classroom engagement, and long-term educational and employment outcomes. Delivering vision services within schools minimizes instructional disruption and removes transportation barriers that often delay access to needed care.

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

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

Sincerely,

Gwen Moore
Member of Congress

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gwen Moore", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.