April 28, 2021

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting $1,000,000 for the University Hospitals Portage Breast Health Center.

The entity to receive this funding is University Hospitals Health Systems, Inc, located at 3605 Warrensville Center Road, Shaker Heights, OH 44122. The physical location of the project University Hospitals Portage Medical Center, located at 6847 N Chestnut Street, Ravenna, OH 44266.

UH Portage Medical Center has been caring for Portage County and the surrounding communities for over 100 years, achieving clinical excellence in several services greatly needed by the community. UH Portage is a 302 licensed-bed hospital and is the second largest employer and the only hospital in the county. UH Portage offers an array of inpatient and outpatient medical and surgical specialties. Women’s health care over the life cycle is an essential component of UH Portage’s services. There are significant opportunities for enhancing women’s health care, including in the area of breast cancer treatment.

This request would provide the resources needed to update equipment and make modest facility renovations in order to establish a patient-focused Breast Health Center within the existing medical center. This request is a good use of taxpayer funds because it meets the needs of an aging community and ensures quality and seamless breast cancer treatment services to the residents of Portage County and beyond.

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tim Ryan
Member of Congress