

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Andy Harris
Chairman
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural
Development, Food and Drug
Administration, and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515,

The Honorable Sanford Bishop Jr.
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural
Development, Food and Drug
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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Harris and Ranking Member Bishop,

As you consider the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, I respectfully request \$6 million in funding for the Quitman Memory Health Center Project, which is set to be located on the UT Health Hospital Quitman campus. These funds would go toward the construction of project's clinic and education wing. The facility is a regional opportunity to advance the critical need for behavioral healthcare and will focus on education, training, diagnostics, treatment, and care.

This facility will have a generational impact on Texas families amid an increase in Alzheimer's and dementia cases, which are expected to triple by 2050. There has been robust community support for this project, and we hope the project can be fully realized with federal assistance.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Lance Gooden
Member of Congress