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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-2703**

March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Sandhills Care Center Renovation project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Brown, Nebraska, located at 148 W 4th Street, Ainsworth, NE 69210. The funding would be used to renovate resident rooms, upgrade building systems, and modify interior spaces to better support current standards of long-term care delivery. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would help preserve access to long-term care services in rural Nebraska, where many communities face limited options for skilled nursing care. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 7 CFR 3570.53. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



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