April 26, 2022

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Cole:

I write today in support of an important community project in my Congressional District. As you begin crafting the Fiscal Year 2023 appropriations legislation, please consider my request to provide $589,000 in funding for an Intra-Operative Positioning System (IOPS). The intended recipient is The Good Samaritan Hospital of Cincinnati, Ohio (EIN: 31-0537486) located at 375 Dixmyth Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45220.

It is my understanding that each year more than 15,000 major surgical procedures are performed in Good Samaritan’s 23 operating rooms, including dedicated endovascular hybrid suites, and on average each vascular resident will perform close to 200 open index vascular operations and more than 400 therapeutic and 300 diagnostic endovascular procedures. A single fluoroscopic procedure can require hundreds and even thousands of radiation-emitting x-rays, which expose the patient and a room full of healthcare workers to radiation during the 1-3-hour procedure. Radiation causes preventable harm to both the patient and healthcare workers, raising risks of diseases such as cancer, cataracts, and arterial plaque. These risks are especially pronounced for healthcare professionals who are exposed to this occupational hazard on a daily basis. In patients, radiation can also cause skin damage and burns and can result in the need for dialysis.

This community project request would enable Good Samaritan Hospital to purchase one Intra-Operative Positioning System (IOPS) unit, an FDA-approved surgical navigation system providing safe 3D color arterial viewing in minimally invasive cardiovascular procedures. IOPS reduces the need to expose patients and caregivers to this radiation and reduces the need to inject patients with toxic contrast dyes. I understand that IOPS mitigates these preventable health risks while giving physicians superior guidance. By employing new cutting-edge technology that does not use radiation, it is my understanding that this project would help protect patients and clinicians from unnecessary exposure to these cumulative effects of radiation from medical procedures using fluoroscopy and allow Good Samaritan Hospital to provide more effective, safe, and efficient care.
As you continue to assess appropriations requests, I ask that you give every consideration of this community project in my Congressional District which will allow Good Samaritan Hospital to purchase an Intra-Operative Positioning System and improve public safety. Thank you for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,

Steve Chabot (OH-01)
MEMBER OF CONGRESS
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Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for a surgical navigation system in Fiscal Year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is The Good Samaritan Hospital of Cincinnati, Ohio (EIN: 31-0537486) located at 375 Dixmyth Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45220. The funding would be used to purchase an Intra-Operative Positioning System.

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

Sincerely,

Steve Chabot (OH-01)
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