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House Foreign Affairs Committee
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House Space, Science, and
Technology Committee
Subcommittee on Research and
Technology

March 18, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$6,000,000 for the Institute for Community Mental Health-South (ICMH-S) Rural Behavioral Health Workforce and Training Center project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive the funding for this project is the University of Delaware, located at 62 The Green, Newark, DE.

The funding would be used to renovate and equip clinical and workforce training space for the Institute for Community Mental Health–South Rural Behavioral Health Workforce and Training Center to expand behavioral health services and workforce training capacity in Kent and Sussex Counties.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it creates durable infrastructure that both expands immediate access to care and trains the next generation of behavioral health providers serving underserved communities. By embedding workforce training within a community-serving clinic, the project establishes a sustainable model that will continue generating clinicians and delivering care long after the federal investment.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. McBride', written in a cursive style.

Sarah McBride
Member of Congress