

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
United States House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the project named the "Wellness Center at Wakefield High School" in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Arlington County, located at 2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 302, Arlington, VA 22201.

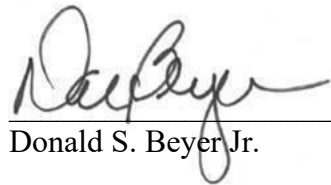
The funding will be used for Arlington County to construct a school-based health center at Wakefield High School. These funds will be used to renovate existing space to meet clinical and operational requirements. The creation of a health and wellness center at Wakefield will provide students with physical and behavioral health services, preventive care, and chronic health condition management to help remove barriers to medical access, improve student attendance, classroom participation and readiness to learn.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will be used for the cost of limited-scope construction to renovate existing space for health, mental health, and substance use disorder services. Health issues are a leading cause of chronic absenteeism and dropouts. When students are healthy and present at school, they graduate at higher rates. High school graduates earn more, pay more in taxes, and are less likely to rely on public assistance later in life. Additionally, treating mental health, chronic illness and substance use concerns early avoids ER visits, hospitalizations, and involvement with social services or juvenile justice.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under the Public Health Service Act.

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

Sincerely,



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Donald S. Beyer Jr.