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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-0103**

**ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**CHAIRMAN**

March 26, 2026

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Coosa Valley Medical Center - Robotic- Assisted Surgical Technology in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding is Coosa Valley Medical Center located at 315 Hickory Street Sylacauga, AL 35150. This funding will support the procurement and installation of advanced robotic-assisted surgical technology at Coosa Valley Medical Center (CVMC) in Sylacauga, Alabama, expanding access to minimally invasive surgical care for residents across rural east central Alabama. Currently, many patients in the region must travel significant distances to larger metropolitan hospitals to receive robotic surgical procedures. Rural communities face persistent disparities in access to minimally invasive surgery, and in Alabama's rural areas nearly 61% of major urologic, thoracic, gynecologic, and colorectal surgeries are still performed using open techniques.<sup>1</sup> Funding will support equipment procurement, installation, and clinical training necessary to establish a robotic surgical program that improves patient outcomes and expands access to modern surgical care for rural communities.

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

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.”

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Rogers".

Mike Rogers  
Member of Congress