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The Honorable David Obey  
Chairman, Subcommittee on  
Labor, HHS, Education Appropriations  
2358 Rayburn House Office Building  
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The Honorable James T. Walsh  
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on  
Labor, HHS, Education Appropriations  
1016 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Obey and Ranking Member Walsh:

This bill is very important to me and my constituents because I represent the Texas Medical Center which is the world's largest medical center. With more than 17 major medical institutions and 5.5 million patient visits each year, the Texas Medical Center's impact on the greater Houston economy exceeds \$13 billion annually. I look forward to working with you to make sure the medical center continues to reach its full potential.

As you begin drafting the FY2008 Labor, HHS, Education Appropriations bill, I am asking your support for the following projects in or near the 7th District of Texas that are of critical importance to the nation. I have listed them in order of priority:

1. **Alliance for NanoHealth**- Houston, TX: \$2 million for construction and equipment. *The Alliance for NanoHealth is my highest priority appropriations request.*
2. **Harris County Hospital District**- Houston, TX: \$295,000 for cardiac monitors.
3. **Methodist Hospital**- Houston, TX: \$500,000 for a mass spectrometer.
4. **Memorial Hermann Health System**- Houston, TX: \$1 million for Neighborhood Health Center construction.
5. **The Institute for Research and Rehabilitation**- Houston, TX: \$500,000 for Urodynamics Equipment and the Microbiology/Laboratory Software.
6. **Rice University**- Houston, TX: \$1 million for the Collaborative Research Center construction and equipment.

You will also have my support for any increase you can **provide above and beyond the President's budget for National Institutes of Health**, as it is truly the nation's health insurance policy for the future.

Should your office need any additional information, please contact Ellie Essalih at 6-9172.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my requests.

Sincerely,

John Culberson  
Member of Congress