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The Honorable Ralph Regula  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, Education  
and Related Agencies Appropriations  
2358 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

First, I would like to thank you for your assistance providing funding for my requests in the FY2005 Consolidated Appropriations Act. This bill is very important to me and my constituents because I represent the Texas Medical Center, 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 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 negotiate with the Senate on the FY2006 Labor, HHS, Education Appropriations bill, I am asking your support for the following projects of critical importance to the 7th District of Texas and Houston. I have listed them in order of priority:

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

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

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my requests.

Sincerely,

John Culberson  
Member of Congress