



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

April 28, 2021

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for New Bridge Medical Center's Behavioral Health Emergency Dept. Expansion Project for fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Care Plus Bergen Inc. DBA Bergen New Bridge Medical Center, located at 230 East Ridgewood Avenue, Paramus, NJ 07652. The entity is a non-profit. The project location is the same as the location of New Bridge Medical Center.

The funding would be used for a partial renovation of the First Floor (12,800 sf) of Building 14E and minor work to the existing Emergency Department on the First Floor of Building 11. The investment is essential to ensure the ability of the County's safety net facility to treat the vulnerable and underserved populations in our County while being a resource for all residents' emergency needs-both mental health and medical. This renovation is the lynchpin in the Medical Center's equity plan to provide access to care for those communities who were disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 and who have traditionally had higher rates of chronic illness, comorbidities, and substance use and mental health needs.

Funding for this project is essential and is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds to assist the Medical Center in fulfilling its mission and commitment to the community health needs by providing the unique and much needed specialty care and resources to the residents of Bergen County and beyond. Never again should we find ourselves in a situation where healthcare providers are not funded adequately to be best equipped and prepared to care for their communities mental and medical needs through any crisis.

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 "J. Gottheimer".

Josh Gottheimer
MEMBER OF CONGRESS