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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
House Appropriations Committee  
2358-B Rayburn Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Proton Therapy Center in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding is Hillsborough County located at 601 East Kennedy Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33602. The funding would be a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because it would be used to fully operationalize a new proton therapy center for pediatric and adult cancer patients in Tampa Bay, demonstrating a new cost-effective model to increase access to a novel therapy.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 272 of title 15, United States Code.

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 "Kathy Castor".

Kathy Castor  
United States Representative  
Florida – District 14