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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 FY2004 Consolidated Appropriations Act. This year, my duty as an appropriator has become exponentially more important as my new district is home to 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 FY2005 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 for chemistry laboratory equipment and clean room construction.
2. Rice University- Houston, TX: \$1 million for Proteomics Laboratory construction.
3. Texas Children's Hospital- Houston, TX: \$1.5 million for expansion of cardiovascular operation room.
4. Ben Taub General Hospital- Houston, TX: \$900,000 for emergency room expansion.
5. Memorial Hermann Health System- Houston, TX: \$1 million for Neighborhood Health Center construction.
6. St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital- Houston, TX: \$500,000 for 3 Tesla MRI.
7. Katy Independent School District- Katy, TX: \$100,000 for English proficiency program.

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

Thank you in advance for your consideration of my requests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Culberson".

John Culberson  
Member of Congress

*Thank you  
Mr. Chairman!*