



April 25, 2022

The Hon. Rosa L. DeLauro
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Hon. Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth H.O.B.
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the below community project in fiscal year 2023 (FY23):

Name: White Oak Medical Center EP Lab Software Replacement

Amount Requested: \$500,000

Recipient: Adventist Healthcare's White Oak Medical Center

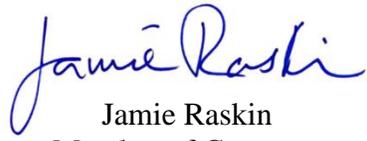
Project Address: 11890 Healing Way, Silver Spring, MD 20904

Purpose: White Oak Medical Center's award-winning Electro Physiology (EP) lab has the highest possible rating from the Society of Thoracic Surgeons. However, it operates on a software system that is not compatible with Windows 10. White Oak is required to move to Windows 10 because there will be no additional security patches made to their current operating system. Since their current EP lab software is incompatible with Windows 10 and they are required to use Windows 10 the EP lab software needs to be upgraded.

Justification: In 2021 the White Oak Medical Center performed more than 1,200 EP procedures, including both complex ablations to correct heart arrhythmia and device insertions (such as pacemakers). White Oak's EP lab is an important link to treatment for people in our community suffering from cardiac rhythm issues such as atrial fibrillation or "AFib." It is estimated that 12.1 million people in the United States will have AFib in 2030. In 2019, AFib was mentioned on more than 183,000 death certificates and was the underlying cause of death in more than 26,500 of those deaths. This year White Oak will perform their first "Watchman" procedure in the EP lab. Watchman is an innovative device, a one-time, minimally invasive procedure for people with AFib caused by a heart valve problem (also known as non-valvular AFib) who need an alternative to blood thinners. White Oak performs many other procedures but the Watchman device and AFib treatment overall are why the EP lab, and the underlying system that runs the labs, are so important to Maryland.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jamie Raskin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Jamie Raskin
Member of Congress