

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

ENERGY AND COMMERCE

April 27, 2020

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Chairwoman, Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member, Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for a cancer screening project in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is San Juan County and located at 117 South Main Street, #221, Monticello, UT 84535.

The funding we are requesting, which totals \$515,952, would be used for physical examinations and subsequent cancer screenings if needed for the greater Monticello, UT, community. By way of background, the Monticello Mill was owned and operated by the United States Government between 1941 and the early 1960s. In 1989, the Environmental Protection Agency placed the Mill and the tailings site on the Department of Energy's National Priority List for cleanup and removal of toxic waste. The locations were ultimately designated as superfund sites by 2000 and the US Government spent over \$280 million on additional cleanup.

Prior to this, however, the toxic waste polluted the air and waterways in the greater-Monticello community. This led to noticeably high rates of cancer diagnoses, some tragically resulting in death, which is why Senators Hatch and Bennett secured the requisite resources for the community to be used for cancer screening in 2009. Funds were quickly used and the committee has regrettably lacked resources for these screenings for nearly a decade.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



John Curtis
Member of Congress