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The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Chairman
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human
Services, Education, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human
Services, Education, and Related Agencies
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Dear Chair Capito and Ranking Member Baldwin,

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending items that I have requested in the FY27 Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Act, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. None of the entities for which I have requested congressionally directed spending are for-profit entities.

Sincerely,



M. Michael Rounds
United States Senator

**Rounds, Mike(R-SD) Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education
Congressionally Directed Spending Requests**

Recipient Name	Project Purpose	Project Location	Amount Requested (\$000)
Northern State University	To establish a Center for Teaching and Learning in Artificial Intelligence.	Aberdeen SD	\$1,750
Northern State University	To provide startup training, business incubation and digital workforce development to individuals in rural areas.	Aberdeen SD	\$750
South Dakota State University	To construct and equip a next-generation computing center that will serve as the technological foundation for the university's research, academic and operational needs for decades.	Brookings SD	\$50,000
South Dakota State University	To create an immersive, virtual reality farm simulation that uses artificial intelligence and historical Mesonet weather data to simulate real-world agricultural conditions and management outcomes.	Brookings SD	\$2,000
South Dakota State University	To establish a First Responder Support Training Center for firefighting departments.	Brookings SD	\$1,500
Avera McKennan	Procure the equipment and essential building systems for a new critical access hospital.	Dell Rapids SD	\$11,000
Horizon Health Care, Inc.	To modernize the exterior of an aging health care facility.	Faith SD	\$600
Freeman Regional Health Services	To support Phase 1 of constructing a new critical access hospital and clinic.	Freeman SD	\$13,000
Horizon Health Care, Inc.	To modernize an aging health care facility.	Isabel SD	\$1,000
Bennett County Hospital & Nursing Home	To complete the renovation of a critical access hospital.	Martin SD	\$1,711
Mitchell Technical College	To transform an existing program into a premier, high-technology hub for renewable energy and advanced grid systems education.	Mitchell SD	\$8,000
University of Sioux Falls	To procure new simulation equipment for the USF School of Nursing program.	Sioux Falls SD	\$1,237
Avera McKennan	To expand pediatric and adolescent behavioral health treatment capacity through a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility at Avera Behavioral Health.	Sioux Falls SD	\$7,000