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The Honorable Randy Weber
United States House of Representatives
107 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Request for FY 2027 Gulf Coast Regional Behavioral Health Infrastructure & Access Project

Dear Congressman Weber,

On behalf of the **Brazoria County Commissioners Court**, we are pleased to express our strong support for the **Brazoria County Behavioral Health Wellness Campus**, which is part of the broader **Gulf Coast Regional Behavioral Health Infrastructure & Access Project** submitted for consideration under the **FY 2027 Byrne Discretionary Community Project Funding (CPF) program**.

Brazoria County continues to experience significant population growth and increasing demand for behavioral health services. Local governments, healthcare providers, law enforcement agencies, and community organizations are working together to address the growing number of residents experiencing behavioral health crises and the associated impacts on public safety systems, hospitals, and community services.

The proposed **Brazoria County Behavioral Health Wellness Campus** represents a major regional investment in strengthening the behavioral health infrastructure serving Brazoria County residents. The campus is envisioned as a **collaborative partnership involving the Gulf Coast Center, My Community Health Network (MyCHN), and other community partners**, bringing together behavioral health inpatient, extended observation, crisis residential, primary care services, and community-based supports within a coordinated service campus.

By co-locating these services, the Wellness Campus will create a centralized hub for coordinated care that improves access to treatment, strengthens crisis response capacity, and enhances coordination among healthcare providers, behavioral health organizations, and public safety agencies.

The proposed campus, a **\$130 million behavioral health facility**, will consolidate and expand behavioral health services for Brazoria County residents while creating new opportunities for community partnerships that support individuals and families experiencing mental health challenges.

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The broader modernization initiative also includes development of a **Transitional Residential Stabilization Program**, which will provide short-term residential support for individuals stepping down from crisis stabilization services, inpatient psychiatric care, or diversion from the criminal justice system. This program will address a critical gap in the behavioral health continuum by providing structured stabilization and case management for individuals who cannot safely return to the community immediately following a crisis episode.

Together, these coordinated investments will help:

- Expand access to behavioral health services for Brazoria County residents
- Strengthen crisis response and stabilization capacity
- Improve coordination among healthcare providers, behavioral health organizations, and law enforcement agencies
- Reduce unnecessary incarceration of individuals with mental illness
- Improve long-term outcomes for individuals experiencing behavioral health crises.

The **Brazoria County Commissioners Court strongly supports this initiative** and appreciates your continued leadership in advancing federal investments that strengthen behavioral health systems, improve crisis response infrastructure, and enhance public safety across our region.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the residents of Brazoria County and the Texas Gulf Coast.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L.M. Sebesta, Jr.", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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