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Honorable Ken Calvert  
Congressional Member  
CA 42<sup>nd</sup> District  
2205 Longworth  
Washington, DC 20515

Subject: **Support for the City of Hope's Community Project Funding Request: Specialized Radiation Oncology CT Scan**

Dear Congressman Calvert:

On behalf of City of Hope Comprehensive Cancer Center, I respectfully request your support for Cancer Center's Community Project Funding application for the 42<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District.

As you are aware, City of Hope, as a National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer care network, has been operating a clinic in Corona providing high quality oncology services to the Inland Empire region of Southern California. Community demand for our services has outgrown the existing footprint and a brand new 32,500 square foot state-of-the-art comprehensive cancer center built to City of Hope standards is opening in December 2021. Integral to providing radiation oncology services is dedicated imaging for the patients in preparation for undergoing radiation treatment, where the affected area and any positioning equipment is evaluated prior to the treatment. This is a different clinical application than more widely used diagnostic CT modality, and one that is not commonly found in community provider settings, but one that is essential.

A new CT scanner for radiation oncology support is being procured at the cost of \$700,000. We respectfully request funding to support this essential medical equipment in expanding access to the City of Hope care model for our local population in the Inland Empire.

If you have any questions regarding the emerging need for this specialized CT Scan, please do not hesitate to contact me at [HLevine@coh.org](mailto:HLevine@coh.org) or Peter Mackler, Executive Director of Healthcare Policy at [PMackler@coh.org](mailto:PMackler@coh.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Harlan Levine".

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Cc: Peter Mackler