

Washington, DC -- U.S. Representative Michael A. Arcuri (D-Utica) announced today that he has secured \$250,000 in congressionally directed funding for A.O. Fox Memorial Hospital in Oneonta to upgrade diagnostic mammography services.

“I am glad to announce that we were able bring tax dollars back home to improve critical women’s health care services in Oneonta and the surrounding rural areas,” said Arcuri. “Early detection is critical to catching breast cancer and saving lives. This funding will enable A.O. Fox Hospital to upgrade its mammography services with critical new technology – expanding life saving diagnostic mammography equipment and improving early diagnostic ability. I will continue to make sure local communities receive the necessary resources at the federal level to improve health care and bring life saving technology to more residents.”

Federal funds will be used to upgrade the existing medical imaging department at the hospital to digital mammography, enabling the hospital to provide diagnostic mammography services to three rural counties in Central New York equaling 3,300 square miles.

“We are so very grateful to Congressman Arcuri for his support of this new breast imaging program at Fox Hospital. This technology will allow us to bring a new level of healthcare to the women of our region and, quite literally, to save lives,” said John R. Remillard President of A.O. Fox Memorial Hospital.

The funding secured by Arcuri is part of the fiscal year 2008 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act, which was approved by the Appropriations Committee yesterday afternoon. The legislation is expected to be considered by the full House of Representatives next week and by the Senate in the coming weeks.

A.O. Fox Hospital provides a broad spectrum of healthcare, with renowned specialties in emergency, cancer, cardiac and primary care.

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