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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations,  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations,  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Research equipment for Our Lady of the Lake University faculty and students to conduct scientific and health research on the West Side of San Antonio project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Our Lady of the Lake University at 411 SW 24th St, San Antonio, TX 78207. The proposed project is located at Our Lady of the Lake University.

The funding would be used to allow Our Lady of the Lake University to purchase new equipment to assist faculty and students conduct their research. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because current equipment limitations at Our Lady of the Lake University limit research and prevent the continuity of research on site. Faculty and students often must send research samples to other institutions for analysis and evaluation.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 272 of title 15, United States Code.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Joaquin Castro  
Member of Congress