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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 Enhancing Research Capacity in Additive Manufacturing, AI, Biomechanics, Biosciences and Biomedical Engineering Through Strategic Instrumentation project for St. Mary's University faculty and students to conduct scientific research in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is St. Mary's University at 1 Camino Santa Maria, San Antonio, TX 78228. The proposed project is located at St. Mary's University.

The funding would be used to allow St. Mary's University to purchase new equipment to assist faculty and students in four active research clusters including in Additive Manufacturing, AI, Biomechanics, and Biosciences. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because current equipment limitations at St. Mary's University limit research and prevent the continuity of research on site.

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