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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 STEM to Space Summer Academies project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Texas A&M University-San Antonio at One University Way, San Antonio, Texas 78224. The proposed project is located at Texas A&M University-San Antonio at One University Way, San Antonio, Texas 78224.

The funding would be used to operate a series of STEM to Space Summer Academies designed for rising 5th grade and rising 8th grade students in San Antonio, through a combination of hands-on investigations, engineering design challenges, and immersive mission simulations to help students explore how a wide range of STEM professions contribute to NASA's mission.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will allow participants to envision themselves in future STEM pathways while gaining an early awareness of the many scientific, technological, and engineering roles that make space exploration possible.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 20102 of title 51, 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