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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 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 2025. 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

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