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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 UT Health San Antonio Gross Anatomy Laboratory Improvement: Essential Laboratory Equipment project for Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio located at 7703 Floyd Curl Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78229. This funding will be used to purchase necessary equipment for the laboratory to conduct research including on the causes of apple-shaped obesity and the development of treatments that stop its growth without harming other healthy fats. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because while GLP-1 medications have shown promising results, a major limitation is that once the medication is discontinued, the lost fat typically returns, whereas the lost muscle does not. This research will advance the knowledge and search for therapies that can promote healthy fat loss while preserving muscle mass.

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