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May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the TTUHSC El Paso Oncology Center Research Initiative project in fiscal year 2026.

The intended recipient of funding for this project is the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso, located at 130 Rick Francis Street, El Paso, TX 79905. The funding would be used to acquire medical linear accelerators (LINAC) for the research enterprise of TTUHSC El Paso. LINAC systems are devices used to treat large tumors as an external beam radiation therapy treatment. These systems will be used to research the biological and therapeutic effects of varying doses of radiation on the body.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it advances scientific research, expands medical knowledge and cancer research, supports academic research that improves cancer treatment, assists industry in the development of technology and procedures needed to improve quality of cancer care, and ultimately saves lives, benefiting both current and future generations of El Pasoans.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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,

Veronica Escobar
Member of Congress