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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso (TTUHSC El Paso) Oncology Research Equipment in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso, located at 5001 El Paso Drive, El Paso, TX 79905.

The funding would be used for acquiring research equipment, such as a PET/CT scanner and MRI system, to advance innovation in diagnostic imaging and enhance personalized oncology care for patients across the region.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso is the only health sciences center along the U.S.-Mexico border, comprising the Foster School of Medicine, the Hunt School of Nursing, the Hunt School of Dental Medicine, and the Francis Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. The purchase of a PET/CT scanner and MRI system will significantly expand the Borderplex region's access to essential cancer research infrastructure, advancing diagnostic imaging and personalized oncology in an area with a high prevalence of cancer. Data collected through these technologies will improve early detection strategies, refine treatment planning, and evaluate therapeutic effectiveness, enabling more precise, individualized cancer care with fewer adverse effects. A PET/CT scanner will allow researchers to assess metabolic activity, tracer uptake, and real-time tumor response, while MRI will provide high-resolution structural and functional imaging, including diffusion, perfusion, and contrast-enhanced assessments. Together, these modalities will support studies on tumor growth patterns, treatment response, recurrence detection, and imaging correlations of underlying cellular and molecular processes.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Veronica Escobar".

Member of Congress