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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Samuel Merritt University, Oakland City Center's Campus Research Equipment in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Samuel Merritt University, located at 450 30th Street, Suite 2840, Oakland, CA 94609.

The funding would be used to purchase research equipment for Samuel Merritt University's new campus in Downtown Oakland. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the proposed equipment would support clinical, pedagogical, and social-determinants research that will help prepare practice-ready professionals for effective leadership in the healthcare industry.

Samuel Merritt University's research and testing laboratories enable research by faculty and students into topics of pressing importance for best practices for health equity and for infusing more diverse health sciences professionals into California's and the nation's healthcare workforce pipeline. This project supports addressing a critical lack of healthcare professionals in the district by providing next generation equipment to draw both faculty and students to the university.

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,

Lateefah Simon
Member of Congress

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