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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 the University of San Francisco Children's Hospital Oakland Pediatric Blood Disorder Research Center in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is University of California San Francisco, located at 1855 Folsom Street, Suite 425, San Francisco, CA 94143.

The funding would be used to further research at the Martin Luther King Laboratory Research Building. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the proposed project would support hematological research related to sickle cell disease and other devastating blood conditions, such as leukemia and thalassemia.

This new pediatric blood disorder research center will continue Children's Hospital Oakland's decades-long commitment to sickle cell disease care in Oakland, and the research center will position UCSF Benioff Children's Hospitals and Oakland campus as the destination center for families seeking care for pediatric blood disorders.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in Section 272 of title 5, 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