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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  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Samuel Merritt University's (SMU) Medical School Research Equipment in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Samuel Merritt University, located at 450 30<sup>th</sup> Steet, Suite 2840, Oakland, CA 94609.

The funding would be used to purchase research equipment for Samuel Merritt University's new campus in Downtown Oakland and a faculty practice clinic and interprofessional simulation suite expanding SMU's Health Sciences Simulation Center. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the equipment would support research and clinical training while strengthening Northern California's healthcare workforce and improving access to care in underserved communities.

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