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Congress of the United States
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Mass Spectrometry–Driven Direct-to-Biology Platform for Accelerated Drug Discovery in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Denver, located at 2155 E Wesley Ave, Lab 505, Denver, CO 80210.

The funding would be used to purchase equipment to establish a mass spectrometry-centered ligand discovery platform. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this investment will support the University of Denver in enabling rapid discovery of potent and selective ligands for disease-associated proteins, including targeting relevant neurodegenerative disorders and other high-impact diseases. The infrastructure will also serve as a shared resource to support collaborative research with other academic laboratories, biotechnology startups, and industry partners across Colorado.

This 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,



Diana DeGette
Member of Congress