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March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Charwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Texas Tech University School of Veterinary Medicine Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Research Capacity Enhancement, Amarillo, TX in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Texas Tech University School of Veterinary Medicine, located at 7671 Evans Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79106. The funding would be used for the purchase of advanced turnkey histological preparation equipment, the bio-log phenotypical characterization of cells to integrate with existing genomic capabilities, quantitative real-time PCRs, a cell imager, and hand-held ultrasound technologies. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Texas Tech University School of Veterinary Medicine is uniquely established to educate and train students to return to rural communities to provide veterinary services. According to the United States Department of Agriculture, the U.S. is facing a historic shortage of qualified veterinarians - especially in rural areas, where 500 counties across 46 states are reporting critical shortages. The cross-cutting equipment that will be provided to the students of Texas Tech University's School of Veterinary Medicine will be essential for the training and scientific research needed to establish well-rounded veterinarians for rural communities. Many of these rural communities are the first line of defense against devastating animal diseases along our Southern Border. The funding used to secure this equipment will have significant educational and economic impacts on Texas and the Nation as a whole.

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,



Ronny L. Jackson
Member of Congress