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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman House Appropriations Committee H-305 The Capitol Washington, DC, 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Appropriations Committee 1036 Longworth HOB Washington, DC, 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Empowering Underrepresented Students with Technology-based STEM Education - Building the Workforce of the Future Generation Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is CUNY York College located at 94-20 Guy R. Brewer Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11451.

The funding will be used for CUNY York College's proposal to provide evidence-based, technologyfocused, and experiential learning opportunities to underserved and financially disadvantaged representative undergraduates and community children (K-12) through innovative STEM lessons, best practices, and pertinent STEM resources to a cohort of 700 participants. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will directly benefit underserved communities' education through STEM learning opportunities.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding is for activities consistent with, and supportive of, NIST's mission and aligned with one or more of the functions and activities 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,

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