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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

GREGORY W. MEEKS
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC, 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC, 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the STEM Improvement Through GLOBE Research Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Research Foundation of CUNY/ Queens College CUNY located at Queens College, 65-30 Kissena Blvd., Flushing NY 11367.

The funding will go towards a series of ten 3-day GLOBE certification workshops for 100 elementary school teachers and 80 secondary teachers in the Metropolitan area. In addition to the training, each participating teacher will receive books and equipment to allow them to implement the strategies and techniques they have been trained in. In the first year alone these 180 teachers will use their new content knowledge and new science equipment to improve the STEM competency of 5,000 to 7,000 students in their classrooms. The funding is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the GLOBE Program (Global Learning and Observation to Benefit the Environment (GLOBE)) is an international science education program developed by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and other federal science agencies, to improve students' understanding and participation in science activities.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for advancing the purposes described in section 20102 of title 51, United States Code.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Gregory W. Meeks