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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 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 STEM Environmental Researchers for the Workforce 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 would be used for purchasing state-of-the-art equipment, allowing students to get critical experience using the tools of the industry. This includes equipment for collecting, detecting, analyzing and identifying chemical and microbiological contaminants in water and air samples, as well as the impact of these contaminants on humans and animals. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will meet the critical need for STEM environmental scientists trained to work in multidisciplinary teams containing chemists, biologists, and environmental scientists. The Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that between 2022 and 2032, employment in these jobs will grow 6% - 10%, much faster than the average for all occupations.

This project has a federal nexus because this 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,



Gregory W. Meeks