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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

GREGORY W. MEEKS  
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May 2, 2025

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 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Research Foundation of CUNY at 230 W 41st St. #7 New York, NY 10036.

This funding would be used to address the critical need for STEM environmental scientists trained to work in multidisciplinary teams comprising chemists, biologists, and environmental scientists. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because according to the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment in these fields is projected to grow by 6% to 10% between 2022 and 2032, significantly faster than the average for all occupations. Additionally, job creation in scientific research and development services is projected to grow three times as fast as overall employment growth over the next five years.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized 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  
Member of Congress