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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 Empowering Underrepresented Students with Technology-based STEM Education- Building the Workforce of the Future Generation Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Research Foundation of CUNY located at 230 W 41st St. #7, New York, NY 10036.

This funding would be used to deliver evidence-based, technology-driven experiential learning opportunities to underserved and financially disadvantaged undergraduate and high school students' community in Southeast Queens, New York, home to 16 Economic Opportunity Zones. By leveraging innovative STEM lessons, research-backed best practices, and cutting-edge resources, this program will equip participants with the foundational skills and confidence needed to excel in STEM coursework, pursue STEM majors, and ultimately succeed in STEM careers.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will equip a new generation of students to succeed in STEM careers.

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