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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the School of Medicine Phase I Equipment Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Stockton, located at 425 N. El Dorado St. Stockton, CA, 95202. The funding would be used to provide essential clinical training and simulation capital equipment to assist in launching the first medical school in the region. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will strengthen the local physician pipeline, increase access to timely care, improve management of chronic conditions, and expand the availability of physicians in San Joaquin Valley communities that need them most..

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under the Public Health Service Act.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Josh Harder  
Member of Congress