

March 27, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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 California State University, Stanislaus Stockton Campus - STEM Science Laboratory Expansion and Innovation Center Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is California State University, Stanislaus, located at 1 University Circle, Turlock, CA, 95382. The funding would be used to establish a state-of-the-art STEM Science Laboratory Expansion and Innovation Center at its Stockton Campus to support undergraduate and graduate students in biology, laboratory sciences, and broader Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) pathways. Specifically, the project funding will support the procurement of advanced instructional equipment and the renovation of the Stockton Campus's existing STEM facility to provide the upgrades needed to meet current laboratory standards. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will directly address the educational and workforce attainment gaps in San Joaquin County by expanding STEM training capacity for hundreds of students annually and strengthening pathways into high-demand careers.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. § 5305(a)(2).

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