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May 9, 2024

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the BioDistrict New Orleans, New Orleans Bio District-NOLA Medical Education New Orleans, Louisiana in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the BioDistrict New Orleans located at 1515 Poydras St, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112.

BioDistrict New Orleans is a political subdivision of the state of Louisiana, responsible for developing a comprehensive plan to increase the health care workforce and medical research in the city of New Orleans. Louisiana experiences some of the most striking health disparities in the nation. Racial minorities have substantially higher rates of poor physical and mental health, and Black residents of the state experience higher infant and maternal mortality and higher rates of premature death than their majority population counterparts. For decades, Xavier has produced more African American students and students of color who achieve medical degrees and doctorates in the health sciences than any other higher education institution in the nation. Ochsner, the largest academic health care system in Louisiana has a long history of training medical students, residents, and fellows throughout the Gulf South. BioDistrict New Orleans will manage this phase as part of its decade-old master plan. These funds will not be spent on a health care facility.

The project has a federal nexus because the project meets the one or more of the HUD Economic Development Initiative program eligible criteria of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program: 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), 5305(a)(5).

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

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Sincerely

Member of Congress