

# Congress of the United States

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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Good Manufacturing Practice Facility for CAR T-Cell Therapy project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is BioDistrict New Orleans, located at 701 Loyola Ave #56181, New Orleans, Louisiana 70113. The funding would be used for establishing a Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) facility, enabling cutting-edge clinical research by academic institutions and biotech companies. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this facility would produce these life-saving therapies at significantly reduced cost, prioritizing access for underinsured and Medicaid/Medicare-dependent patients. Beyond patient care, this facility would attract biotech investment, create skilled jobs, and position Louisiana as a regional leader in cell therapy research and manufacturing.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in 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,



Troy A. Carter, Sr.  
Member of Congress