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Chairman Tom Cole
2207 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro
2413 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for D'Youville University in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is D'Youville University, located at 320 Porter Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14201. The funding would be used for the Laboratory Equipment Expansion & Advancement (LEAP) Project to support the acquisition of advanced digital anatomy and simulation technologies for the College of Osteopathic Medicine.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it represents a strategic investment in workforce development, technical training, and the modernization of medical education. The LEAP Project will equip D'Youville University with industry-standard digital anatomy platforms, including Anatomage Tables, immersive virtual reality systems, and high-resolution instructional technologies that enhance precision, consistency, and repeatability in medical training. These tools reduce variability in instruction, strengthen measurement-based learning, and prepare students for data-driven healthcare environments.

Western New York continues to face persistent healthcare workforce shortages, particularly in primary care and underserved communities. By expanding access to advanced training technologies, this project will increase training capacity, improve the quality of medical education, and support the development of a highly skilled healthcare workforce equipped to meet regional and national demands.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for activities consistent with, and supportive of, NIST's mission and aligned with one or more of the functions and activities described 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy M. Kennedy".

Timothy M. Kennedy
Member of Congress