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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Allied Sciences Building STEM Laboratory Equipment and Research Infrastructure Initiative in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Fisk University, located at 1000 17th Avenue North Nashville, TN 37208.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 272 of title 15, United States Code, which charges the National Institute of Standards and Technology with advancing measurement science, developing standards, and promoting U.S. innovation and industrial competitiveness through scientific and technical research.

The proposed investment in advanced laboratory equipment at Fisk University will strengthen the institution's capacity to conduct research and training in emerging technology fields that depend on precise measurement, instrumentation, and standards development. By equipping Fisk with modern scientific instrumentation, the project will support research activities that contribute to improved measurement methodologies, testing capabilities, and technology evaluation consistent with NIST's core mission.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds as the project advances the statutory goal of expanding the nation's scientific and technical workforce. Fisk University has a longstanding record of producing highly trained STEM graduates, and this investment will enhance opportunities for students to engage in hands on research using advanced instrumentation aligned with industry and national research priorities.

Through these activities, the project supports NIST's mandate to foster innovation, strengthen U.S. technological competitiveness, and expand participation in high growth scientific and engineering fields.

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

Sincerely,

Frederica S. Wilson  
Member of Congress