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Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Biopharmaceutical Manufacturing Equipment in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Delaware, located at 62 The Green, Newark, DE 19716. The funding would be used for the acquisition of specialized biopharmaceutical manufacturing equipment to support next-generation approaches to manufacturing. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the acquisition of this equipment will support accelerated knowledge and testing, expanded advanced manufacturing capacity that could be deployed for the public good, and enhanced national readiness.

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,

LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER Member of Congress