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March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Capital Region Translational Research Initiative project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Albany Medical College located at 47 New Scotland Ave, ME406, Albany, New York, 12208. The funding would be used for equipment including advanced computing infrastructure, biobank and cryostorage equipment, digital pathology and imaging equipment, histology and tissue processing equipment, genomics and molecular analysis equipment, and clinical data integration and standardization systems.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will advance biomedical and translational research that can directly improve patient care. Moreover, it will also drive regional economic growth. The project will create high-skilled jobs directly through staffing for the AI and biobank infrastructure and indirectly through information systems support, facilities operations, and maintenance

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized by 272 of title 15, United States Code.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul D. Tonko".

Paul D. Tonko
Member of Congress