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April 28, 2021

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

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Next Generation RNA Technology Package Project in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University at Albany, located at 1400 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12222.

The funding would be used to purchase an Illumina NextSeq2000 sequencer and a Zeiss LSM 980 confocal microscope, critical to combat SARS-CoV-2 and track variants of the virus, to advance the RNA Institute's research efforts.

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".

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Paul Tonko  
Member of Congress