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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Permian Basin Trauma and Healthcare Readiness Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Odessa, located at 800 W 4th Street, Odessa, Texas 79763. The funding would be used for modernizing and expanding clinical simulation infrastructure, including trauma, surgical, and high-fidelity patient simulation systems, to improve trauma readiness, surgical training, and interprofessional healthcare workforce preparation in West Texas. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will strengthen trauma and emergency care capacity in the Permian Basin, support the sustainability of Level II trauma services in Odessa, and enhance workforce training for physicians, nurses, and emergency personnel serving rural and energy-producing communities across the region.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 15 U.S.C. § 272(b) and (c), which authorize the National Institute of Standards and Technology to support scientific research, measurement science, and technological innovation

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

Sincerely,



August Pfluger
Member of Congress