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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the *Health Science and Flex Lab Renovations at Franklin Pierce University* in Fiscal Year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for the project is Franklin Pierce University located at 40 University Drive, Office of the Provost, Rindge, NH 03461

There is an acute shortage of rural health care providers in New Hampshire and throughout the country. Renovating Franklin Pierce University's (FPU) Marcucella Health Sciences building and upgrading its equipment is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will allow FPU to meet the current demand for health care workers, improve health care access in rural and medically underserved communities, and offer workforce development and education relevant to regenerative medicine and bio-fabrication. As a member of the ReGen Valley Tech Hub Consortium, improving FPU's health sciences building will help spur economic activity in rural New Hampshire while improving access to health care services in the region.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 2331 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, 7 U.S. Code section 950aaa.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann McLane Kuster". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.