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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the UNLV Mosquito Laboratory in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, located at 4505 S. Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada 89154.

The funding will be used to purchase state-of-the-art instrumentation to equip the UNLV Mosquito Laboratory and expand Nevada's capacity to detect, monitor, and respond to emerging vector-borne disease threats. These equipment items are either unavailable at UNLV or in very limited supply, and the proposed investment will strengthen institutional capabilities for laboratory analysis, surveillance support, and translational research.

The project is a responsible use of taxpayer funds because Dengue virus activity has surged in recent years, including by more than 416% across the Americas in 2024. This investment will improve health protection for communities in Nevada while contributing to broader U.S. and global health security.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 22907 of title 49 of the United States Code.

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

Sincerely,

Dina Titus
Member of Congress