

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4206

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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

In re: FY 27 Community Project Funding - Tennessee Technological University's Water Center Equipment

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Water Center Equipment in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Tennessee Technological University (TTU), located at 1 William L. Jones Drive, Derryberry Hall 206, Cookeville, TN 38505. The funding would be used for equipping TTU's Water Center to analyze PFAS and algal toxins, services not currently available in Tennessee.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because with new EPA PFAS regulations and interest from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), this project will position the state of Tennessee to meet the needs of TDEC, the Army Corps of Engineers, and the EPA regarding the analysis and study of water.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 272 of title 15, United States Code.

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

Sincerely,



John Rose
Member of Congress