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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations,  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human  
Services, Education, and Related Agencies  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-0005

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations,  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human  
Services, Education, and Related Agencies  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-0005

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Cole,

As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2023 bill, I respectfully request that you give consideration to the following funding priorities:

1. Please provide a funding level of \$1,100,000 for a **McLennan Community College Health Professions Simulation Lab Technology and Equipment Upgrade** as a community project funding request in fiscal year 2023. The entity intended to receive funding is McLennan Community College, located at 1400 College Drive in Waco, Texas 76708-1402. This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would be used for a hands-on classroom for students in McLennan's associate degree and vocational nursing programs, multiple allied health programs, residents in the Waco Family Medicine residency program, Tarleton State University Nursing students, and Baylor University Occupational Therapy students. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.
2. Please provide a funding level of \$1,500,000 for a **Cyber Range and Research Complex at Baylor University** as a community project funding request in fiscal year 2023. The entity intended to receive funding is Baylor University, located at One Bear Place #97133 in Waco, Texas 76798-7133. This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would be used to develop a workforce pipeline by enhancing secondary and post-secondary curricula that will help close readiness gaps in cybersecurity as well as generate high-paying jobs and economic development. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.
3. Please provide a funding level of \$3,185,000 for an **Electric Power Program at the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service** as a community project funding request in fiscal year 2023. The entity intended to receive funding is The Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX), located at 200 Technology Way in College Station, Texas 77845-3424. This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would be used to provide skilled workers and support tower technician training to prepare workers to replace Huawei and ZTE equipment on existing cell towers, fiber optic training, and

electric vehicle troubleshooting, maintenance, and repair training. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

4. Please provide a funding level of \$1,600,000 for **Preparing the Texas Power Grid for Vehicle Electrification** at the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) as a community project funding request in fiscal year 2023. The entity intended to receive funding is the Texas A&M Transportation Institute, located at 1111 RELIS Parkway in College Station, Texas 77807. This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because as electric vehicles become more widely accepted and used, they will have an impact on our electric grid in Texas, and therefore it is of utmost importance that large-scale electric vehicle adoption is done correctly to avoid the difficulties and hardships associated with grid failures. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

5. Please provide a funding level of \$635,500 for **Critical Treatment and Recovery Services in Waco, Texas** as a community project funding request in fiscal year 2023. The entity intended to receive funding is the Cenikor Foundation located at 3015 Herring Avenue in Waco, Texas 76708-3238. This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would be used to provide access to evidence-based treatment, followed by recovery support services to greatly reduce the risk of recidivism in the criminal justice system and the homeless population in and around Waco, Texas. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

6. Please support the Enacted Level \$71,850,000 from the fiscal year 2022 appropriations conference for International Education & Foreign Language: Domestic Programs in your fiscal year 2023 bill. This level of funding is necessary for fiscal year 2023 because these research programs promote the competitiveness of U.S. firms by improving understanding of the nature of the global marketplace and developing innovative strategies for competing internationally. Due to the success of these programs, for five consecutive years Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas has ranked as the top U.S. public institution for the number of students pursuing credit-bearing international experiences.

7. Provide an increase of \$500,000 for National Center on Special Education Research at the Institute of Education Sciences. This program provides much needed support for rigorous research on infants, toddlers, children, and youth with and at risk for disabilities through advancing the understanding of and practices for teaching, learning, and organizing education systems to better assist the disabled community.

8. Please maintain the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Muscular Dystrophy Program funding of \$8,000,000 for fiscal year 2023. This funding provides much needed continued support to build upon current momentum and move closer to achieving the goal of ending Duchenne and Becker by supporting research, public health, and therapy development initiatives.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pete Sessions", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Pete Sessions  
Member of Congress