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

The Honorable Tom Cole
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
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U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Cole:

As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2022 bill, I respectfully request that you give consideration to the following four funding priorities:

1. I am requesting a fiscal year 2022 funding level of \$947,000 for **Baylor University – McLennan Community College Central Texas Cyber Initiative (CTCI)** as a community project funding request. The intended recipient is Baylor University located at One Bear Place #97133 Waco, TX 76798-7133. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would dramatically increase the numbers of graduates in cybersecurity, due to the development of a truly holistic talent pipeline that stretches back into K-12 and reaches all the way to Masters degrees with multiple off-ramps along the way to suit individual student needs, and the funding would be used to ensure enhanced reach for Baylor and McLennan Community College students and the Waco community to become more involved in the cybersecurity and defense sectors.
2. Provide \$69,103,000 for International Education and Foreign Language – Domestic Programs. This request would hold spending in this program at its FY2021 level and would allow the Center for International Business Studies at the Mays Business School at Texas A&M University to enhance global competitiveness of American businesses and accelerate economic progress in the 17th Congressional District of Texas.
3. Include the following bill language for the account of the Department of Labor: “The Committee is deeply concerned by the Department’s continued disregard of the intent of Congress to address nationwide shortages of qualified drinking water and wastewater operators, especially in rural America, and directs the Secretary to make funding available through workforce development and apprenticeship activities consistent with

the National Guideline Standards of Apprenticeship for Water and Wastewater Systems Operations Specialists and the WIOA system.”

4. I am requesting a fiscal year 2022 funding level of \$1,189,163 for **Addressing Cancer Health Disparities, Improving Cancer Health Outcomes, and Increasing Enrollment and Diversity in Cancer Clinical Trials in Falls County, Texas** as a community project funding request. The intended recipient is the Lazarex Cancer Foundation, which is located at 50 Oak Court, Suite 200, Danville, CA 94526. This project would be a good use of taxpayer funds because it would directly address cancer health disparities in the non-Hispanic Black population of the 17th Congressional District of Texas, and the funds would be used in accordance with U.S. Health & Human Services guidelines to provide equitable access to cancer advances and flatten the diagnosis and survival gaps yielding a potential reduction in premature death, lower productivity, and costs of medical care.
5. I am respectfully requesting you please include a total funding level of at least \$2,200,000,000 for Community Health Centers in support of these facilities in the 17th Congressional District of Texas, including the Brazos Valley Community Action Agency, Inc. in Brazos County, Texas, the Heart of Texas Community Health Center, Inc. in McLennan County, Texas, and the Travis County Healthcare District, which have together served 222,434 patients with quality, affordable healthcare in the 17th Congressional District of Texas since opening.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in the five projects described above.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pete Sessions". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pete Sessions (TX-17)
Member of Congress