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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. 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 Florida International University Health Innovation District Health Across the Lifespan Project for Fiscal Year 2026.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Florida International University located at 11200 SW 8 Street, Miami, FL 33199.

The funding would be used to support cutting edge equipment required for the basic and translational research that will be transformative to populations across the lifespan from pediatrics to the elderly at the Health Innovation Center located at Florida International University. This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will enhance the medical partnerships in South Florida contributing to overall health and medical research in the area, expand FIU's reputation as a leader in health research and as a model for interdisciplinary health collaboration, attract and retain new world-class researchers and clinicians to South Florida to support the growth of the state's economy around key research and clinical areas, build pathways to address urgent healthcare needs and train future healthcare leaders, and close critical gaps in medical research.

This 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,



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Congressman Carlos Gimenez