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March 19, 2026

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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515


Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Early STEM Proficiency Project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of San Diego, located at 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, CA 92110. The funding would be used to strengthen early development of visuospatial skills in preK-12 students using STEM lessons. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because students who receive early exposure to STEM lessons are more likely to pursue high-demand careers which result in new scientific innovations and economic growth.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in section 20102 of title 51, United States Code.

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

Sincerely,

  
Sara Jacobs  
Member of Congress