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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman House Appropriations Committee H-307 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 UC Health Milk Bank Expansion in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of California, San Diego, located at 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla, CA 92093. The funding would be used to fortify and expand the UC Health Milk Bank to improve the collection, storage, and distribution of donor milk. Additionally, funding will be used to acquire additional space and renovate it to accommodate Milk Bank operations. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would expand access to donor milk for vulnerable infants, dramatically decreasing the mortality rates of these children.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(2) and 5305(a)(4).

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

Sincerely,

Member of Congress