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

I am requesting funding for the University of Miami, Frontiers in Cancer Metabolism at Sylvester Compressive Cancer Institute in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, located at 1120 NW 14th Street, Miami, Florida 33136.

The funding would be used to acquire next-generation mass spectrometry instruments to address a critical gap in cancer metabolism research at South Florida's only NCI-Designated Cancer Center. These technologies will allow scientists to analyze how tumors use nutrients to grow, spread, and resist treatment across different scales, from whole patient samples to very small biopsies, intact tumor tissues, and even individual cancer cells and immune cells.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as the South Florida region faces high rates of cancer and metabolic diseases such as obesity and diabetes, which are known to influence cancer risk and treatment outcomes.

The 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,



Mario Diaz-Balart
Member of Congress