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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
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis Research and Innovation Hub Equipment Expansion Project in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Miami located at 1095 NW 14th Terrace, Miami, Florida 33136. The funding would be used to acquire technology for cutting-edge treatments for neurological conditions.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as Miami-Dade County has the highest prevalence of Alzheimer's disease in the country and this equipment will pave the way for groundbreaking discoveries and innovative treatments that have the potential to improve the lives of millions worldwide. The equipment will also assist in establishing new standards and protocols in the quality, reliability, and manufacturability of biomedical therapies.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with 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