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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-2211

April 27, 2022

Honorable Chairwoman Rosa DeLauro  
Honorable Ranking Member Kay Granger  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Oakland County Health Division Laboratory Construction and Equipment in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Oakland County, located at 1200 N. Telegraph Road Pontiac, MI 48341.

The funding would be utilized for the construction of a Health Division Laboratory facility expansion, equipped with advanced technology, to meet the growing public health needs of the community. The implementation of this project would enhance the capacity and capabilities of the laboratory. Digital-drop-PCR instrumentation – currently used for COVID testing – will be improved to expand the County's testing capabilities to trace the source of pollutants and monitor water quality at beaches throughout Oakland County. Hologic Panther digital instruments will be utilized to improve public health testing for influenza and hepatitis viruses, STDs, and bacterial pathogens. This expansion will increase testing capacity, allowing the Health Division to process more labs for uninsured clients of partner organizations, increasing access to quality care.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Haley Stevens  
Member of Congress