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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Underrepresented Minority Pipeline for Health Professions at University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus in Fiscal Year 2022. This request is for the Health Professions Education and Workforce Development Program under the Health Resources Services Administration. The entity to receive funding for the project is University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, located at 13001 East 17th Place, Building 500, Mail Stop F565, Aurora, CO 80045.

The University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus is seeking \$998,885 to increase pre-health support programs for underrepresented minorities, first-generation, economically disadvantaged, and differently-abled students in K-12 and undergraduate programs. This funding will establish enduring capacity at the university and in the community to help students in Aurora, Denver, and the region overcome existing disparities in resources exacerbated by the pandemic to pursue their academic and career goals of working in the health professions. In collaborations with the Aurora NAACP, 2040 Partners for Health, and Denver's Health Interest Program (HIP), CU Anschutz campus staff, faculty and student mentors will work to identify underrepresented minority students in Aurora and Denver with interest in health and STEM fields, and support their continued growth through academic activities, mentoring, leadership training, college visits, test preparation, cohort-based peer support programs, and exposure to STEM and health specific technologies and careers.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds. The goal of this project is to strengthen the pipeline to provide continuity of support for underrepresented minority students and an access-to-success pathway. Moreover, by increasing opportunities for underrepresented students, this project can improve access to culturally competent care in diverse Colorado communities.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Jason Crow
Member of Congress