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## U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for equipment acquisition to advance functional precision medicine approaches and imaging studies for hard-to-treat cancers in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Florida International University, located at 11200 SW 8 Street, Miami, FL 33199.

The funding would be used for acquiring additional equipment to advance imaging studies and functional precision medicine approaches to more precisely study hard-to-treat cancers, and more rapidly identify individualized treatment options. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because treatments for patients whose cancers have returned and have exhausted standard treatment options remain an unmet and major challenge across the country resulting in 600,000 deaths annually.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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.

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Member of Congress