



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

March 19, 2026

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for NIST Center for Quantitative Neurodegeneration Measurement and Translational Analytics (QNTA-AD) in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Florida International University, located at 11200 SW 8 Street, Miami, FL 33199.

Funding would be used to establish measurement framework that links blood biomarkers, digital pathology, spatial transcriptomics, structural protein conformation, and clinical staging in Alzheimer's disease. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will help improve the quality of life among those living with Alzheimer's in Miami-Dade County, one of the highest impacted counties in the United States, while also establishing national standards for Alzheimer's research.

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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Elvira Salazar".

Maria Elvira Salazar
Member of Congress