

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 18, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for renovation of research facilities at the University of New Mexico's Health Sciences Center in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of New Mexico, located at Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87131.

The funding would be used to renovate outdated research labs. Renovated state-of-the-art facilities enable new discoveries and treatments improving lifespan and quality of life for the state and US. These aging facilities create significant challenges in the operational capabilities of infrastructure, the design of facilities to support current research models and the ability to support growth in research programs. When both the quantity and age of wet laboratory research space is compared with a range of peer state university health sciences centers, it is clear, HSC facilities are significantly older resulting in 1) older models of research facilities; 2) higher maintenance and operating costs; and 3) reduced competitiveness in the ability to use space as a tool for recruiting and retaining top research teams.

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

Sincerely,



Melanie A. Stansbury

Member of Congress