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The Honorable Kay Granger Chair Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Life Sciences Innovation Center and Laboratory Equipment project in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Virginia Biotechnology Research Partnership Authority located at 800 East Leigh Street, Richmond, VA 23219. The funding would be used for shared lab equipment and technology equipment as part of the Authority's new Life Sciences Innovation Center and Laboratory. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will equip the Authority with state-of-the-art laboratory and research equipment to support the growth and long-term sustainability of a regional pharmaceutical manufacturing cluster and thereby accelerate the growth and long-term sustainability of the advanced pharmaceutical manufacturing (APM) industry.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in 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,

Jennifer L. McClellan

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Member of Congress