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March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
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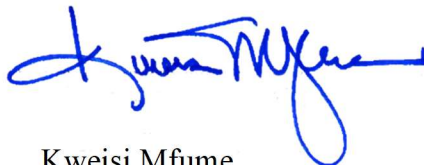
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Investing in Maryland Biotech Capacity Expansion for Therapeutic Development project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Maryland, Baltimore, located at 220 North Arch Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Baltimore, Maryland, 21201. The funding would be used for equipment for the Applied Pharmaceutics Lab (APhL) at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, strengthening UMB's ability to help researchers turn promising biologic treatments into real therapies for patients. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will fill a critical gap by providing early-stage development capacity for Maryland researchers and start-up companies, accelerating medical innovation, supporting Maryland's growing biotech workforce, and helping more life-saving treatments move towards FDA review.

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,



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Member of Congress

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