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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

It is a pleasure serving with you on the Committee on Appropriations, I value your leadership. I am requesting funding for the Test Equipment to Monitor the Human Health Effects of Harmful Algal Blooms project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Toledo, located at 2801 W. Bancroft St., Toledo, OH 43606. Funds will be used to purchase a state-of-the-art analytical mass spectrometer that will be housed in the University of Toledo Department of Chemistry research laboratories in the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. The equipment will be used for Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) toxin identification in human and veterinary biological samples for the development of novel diagnostic and therapeutics related to HAB exposure and illness, as well as for related teaching purposes. This project is a good use of taxpayer funds because it applies precise measurement equipment, technology, and methods to advance both knowledge and standards that serve the public good.

This project has a federal nexus because it is aligned with the functions and activities described in 15 U.S.C. 272(b)(2), 15 U.S.C. 272(b)(4), 15 U.S.C. 272(b)(6), 15 U.S.C. 272(b)(10), 15 U.S.C. 272(b)(12), and 15 U.S.C. 272 (c)(8).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcy Kaptur".

MARCY KAPTUR  
Member of Congress