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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
2358-B Rayburn Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the USF Next Generation STEM Teaching Labs in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding is the University of South Florida located at 140 7th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701. The funding would be a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because it would be used to equip two new labs and upgrade an existing lab with state-of-the-art instrumentation to strengthen undergraduate research, expand workforce training and prepare graduates for high-paying STEM careers.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Castor".

Kathy Castor
United States Representative
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