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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Alief ISD Planetary and Space Exploration Education Project in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Alief Independent School District located at 4250 Cook Road, Houston, TX 77072.

If appropriated, the funding would be used to develop a space and planetary science engagement-focused program that leverages Rice University's STEM education relationship with Alief ISD and local partners to strengthen the community's pipeline of students exploring planetary sciences and related careers. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it fills a gap in educational programming, giving students exposure to space and planetary science and important regional industries and employers, including NASA Johnson Space Center.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 20102 of title 51, U.S.C.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lizzie Fletcher". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lizzie" being more prominent than the last name "Fletcher".

Lizzie Fletcher  
Member of Congress