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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 2026.

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 dark ink, appearing to read "Lizzie Fletcher", written in a cursive style.

Lizzie Fletcher
Member of Congress