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March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for UNLV – Mosquito Laboratory Equipment in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV), located at 4505 S. Maryland Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV 89154. The funding would be used for purchase state-of-the-art instrumentation to equip the UNLV Mosquito Laboratory and expand Nevada’s capacity to detect, monitor, and respond to emerging vector-borne disease threats. These equipment items are either currently unavailable at UNLV or in very limited supply. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will strengthen institutional capabilities for laboratory analysis, surveillance support, and translational research. Strengthening the UNLV Mosquito Laboratory will directly enhance regional and national preparedness by expanding analytical capacity, supporting timely surveillance and response, and building a trained workforce ready to address complex vector-borne disease challenges. This investment will improve health protection for communities in Nevada while contributing to broader U.S. and global health security.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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 "Susie Lee".

Susie Lee
Member of Congress