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May 2, 2025

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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Nova Southeastern University Standardization of Novel Drug Delivery System for Brain Cancer Treatment in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding is Nova Southeastern University located at 3300 S. University Drive, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33328. The purpose of the project is to acquire a Mass Spectrometer to address a critical gap in cancer metabolism research at South Florida's only NCI-Designated Cancer Center. This advanced instrument will enable precise analysis of small molecules that influence cancer progression, including those shaped by the region's unique dietary and environmental exposures

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because South Florida's unique population and dietary exposures create distinct metabolic profiles that may influence cancer risk and progression. Acquiring this instrument will enable critical research on how these factors impact cancer, support biomarker discovery, and advance precision medicine efforts to improve outcomes for patients in our region.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by NIST's mission and aligned with one or more of the functions and activities 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 blue ink, reading "Debbie Wasserman Schultz".

Debbie Wasserman Schultz  
Member of Congress