April 28, 2021

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for a PET/Cyclotron Center in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Florida International University (FIU), located at 11200 SW 8 Street Miami, FL 33199.

The funding would be used for the purchase and construction of a PET/Cyclotron Center at FIU to support South Florida research partnerships in order to perform the ultimate imaging studies of a variety of human diseases ranging from cancer to Alzheimer’s disease. With a Cyclotron Center, FIU would establish research partnerships to perform imaging studies on several diseases. The overall purpose of a Cyclotron Center is early detection, diagnosis, and treatment. This investment would be a first-of-its-kind for the state of Florida, and it is a resource that would drive public-private partnerships and draw collaborative opportunities with the burgeoning biotechnology industry in South Florida.

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

Sincerely,

Debbie Wasserman Schultz
Member of Congress