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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Ranking Member
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Cole:

As you begin crafting the FY22 LHHS bill, I respectfully request that you give consideration to the following Community Project Funding requests:

1. Provide a funding level of $1,699,196 for the UC Davis Digital Health Equity Program as a community project funding request. The intended recipient is UC Davis Health located at 2315 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95817.
   The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the UC Davis Center for Health and Technology has developed one of the strongest and most robust telehealth programs in the United States, with a long-standing history of providing leadership through the creation of the California Telehealth Network, Digital Health Resource Center, and ACTIVATE telehealth for underserved communities, advancing telehealth adoption and collaboration throughout the California. They anticipate growing volume and market share in ambulatory and specialty care, as the high rates of unmet need, especially in cardiology, are reduced by this effort. This project will fund 4 Navigator positions that will lead the coordination effort with the Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC). This project will establish UC Davis as the statewide leader in telemedicine and digital health, especially with regard to the treatment of vulnerable groups. UC Davis anticipates expanding this program in partnership with the statewide UC system in subsequent years.
   HRSA's mission is "to improve health outcomes and address health disparities through access to quality services, a skilled health workforce, and innovative, high-value programs." This program is entirely consistent with these aims.

2. Provide a funding level of $584,000 for Power Engineering Lab Equipment as a community project funding request. The intended recipient is California State University, Sacramento located at Santa Clara Hall, Sacramento State, 6000 J Street, Sacramento CA 95819.

The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because to combat global warming and become less dependent on fossil fuels, our nation's workforce needs to be trained in power engineering. Sacramento State's current power engineering lab is insufficient for what industry and government partners require. To better serve the national and regional workforce, new equipment is needed to transform Sacramento State's current power engineering laboratory into one suitable for preparing its graduates to help the nation meet its goals related to zero-emission vehicle charging, wildfire prevention, and renewable energy technologies. The new equipment will also further empower Sacramento State to eliminate scheduling barriers and reduce time to graduation for students, which will reduce need for student loans and federal finical aid programs. Finally, 43% of students in Sacramento State's Electrical & Electronic Engineering programing come from low income families, therefore an improved lab will lead to enhanced social mobility for thousands of students and their families. Sacramento State is also currently in the process of developing a master's degree in power engineering and possibly a (joint) doctorate in power engineering.

3. Provide a funding level of $250,000 for the establishment of a Cybersecurity Education Security Operations Center (eSOC) as a community project funding request. The intended recipient is California State University, Sacramento located at Riverside Hall, Sacramento State, 6000 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95819.

   The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because our nation's computer and telecommunication grids are under constant threat of intrusion by foreign countries and criminal entities. According to the California Labor & Workforce Development Agency, there are 37,000 cybersecurity vacancies in the state and a national shortage of approximately 490,000 cyber trained professionals currently exists. As a federally designated HSI and AANAPISI, Sacramento State can train more minority students in each of the cybersecurity domains, which are currently underrepresented. Sacramento State's Center for Information Assurance and Security (CIAS) has previously been designated as a National Center of Academic Excellence (CAE) in Information Assurance Education (CAE-IA) by the National Security Agency (NSA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Federal funds are warranted to build off of the existing cybersecurity program within Sacramento State's College of Engineering and Computer Science. More than 40% of undergraduate students in Sacramento State's computer science program qualify for a federal Pell grant, helping these low-income students graduate with a degree in a high paying field will increase the social mobility of thousands of families.

Sincerely,

DORIS MATSUI
Member of Congress