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UNITED STATES CONGRESS

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I respectfully request funding for Touro University California's Metabolic Research Project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Touro University California located at 1750 Club Dr, Vallejo CA 94592. The funding would be used to advance research and development through the acquisition of three complementary platforms that are critical to conducting human metabolic research. These research projects would address major national health challenges, including obesity, type 2 diabetes (T2D), cardiovascular disease, and other lifestyle-related chronic conditions.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would modernize Touro University California's research capabilities, strengthen physician training, enhance chronic-disease prevention strategies, and improve community health outcomes. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes 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. Thank you for your leadership and consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Garamendi".

JOHN GARAMENDI
Member of Congress