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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

 I am requesting funding for Fayetteville State University's project to detect PFAS and Pesticides in the Cape Fear River Basin in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University State University, located at 1200 Murchison Rd., Fayetteville, NC 28301. The funding would be used to upgrade its research facility to enhance studies on per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), pesticides, and other environmental quality and public health, benefiting communities and military installations across North Carolina. The research facilities include a liquid chromatography-mass spectrometer (LCMSLC/MS), a high-performance Liquid Chromatographic system (UPLC/HPLC), a multi-channel potentiostat (EC), and a capillary electrophoresis (CE).

 The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this project will ensure a cleaner environment (water, soil, food, and air), reduce health risks to the general public, including farmers, agricultural workers, and members of the military, and inform policies to protect communities from PFAS and pesticide contamination in the Cape Fear Basin. The project will also help drive economic growth through job creation, STEM education, and workforce training, while enhancing disaster resilience and environmental sustainability.

 The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized 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,

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