



March 19, 2026

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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$1,201,000 in funding for the **East Texas A&M University NASA Summer STEM Academy** project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is East Texas A&M University at Dallas, located at 8750 North Central Expressway, Dallas, TX, 75231. The funding would support a summer academy for Dallas ISD students, providing supplemental math and science education that integrates the use of telescopes, planetarium shows, and biology and chemistry labs to engage students in space-themed curricula and strengthen their overall knowledge of aeronautics and space activities.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it directly supports NASA's goal of cultivating a specialized, highly technical workforce required to support American innovation and competitiveness in space. It would bridge educational gaps in the aerospace industry and cultivate a robust local pipeline for future careers that support important regional industries, employers, and the scientific community at large.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in Section 20102 of title 51, 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 black ink, appearing to read 'Julie E. Johnson', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Julie E. Johnson
Member of Congress