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

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for Niagara University in fiscal year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Niagara University, located at 5795 Lewiston Road, Niagara University, New York, 14109.

These funds will be used to establish a research and commercialization space, in partnership with, and within the current footprint of, the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus. Study and research in scientific disciplines by students and faculty contribute to the greater good through service in medical professions as well as scientific discovery and innovation. The work directly impacts the economic vitality the region and broader community. Each year, Niagara University generates an estimated fiscal impact of \$240 million stemming from direct spending, including construction projects, labor compensation and the spillover impact from student and visitor spending. This proposed academic project will enable Niagara University to continue attracting students from throughout the United States and internationally and maintain its position as a primary economic contributor to the region.

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

Sincerely,

Brian Higgins

Member of Congress