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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3221

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Trudeau Institute in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Trudeau Institute Inc., located at 154 Algonquin Avenue Saranac Lake, NY, 12983. The funding would be used to identify, develop, and disseminate best practices for the application of process control, automated data collection and measurement techniques in biosciences and biotechnology, as well as advance the mission of the National Institute of Standards and Technology by facilitating more rapid commercialization of biotechnology in both the public and private sectors.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the use of animal models is key to effective assessment of current and emerging diseases as well as the development of countermeasures, treatments, and cures. Vital to this effort is ensuring that a sufficient array of models exist to meet both current and future needs for medical science. In addition, the emergence and growth of synthetic biology, and the myriad of industries supporting it, has become a central source of new medical capabilities and breakthroughs, all which support society and various target populations by improving health care, allowing for better and more effective targeted treatments, and providing earlier warning of new pathogen outbreaks. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in 16 U.S.C. § 1451 et seq.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



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