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March 13, 2026

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 am requesting funding for the **Protein Profiling for Acute Myeloid Leukemia** project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is **Irell & Manella Graduate School of Biological Sciences, a Division of the Beckman Research Institute (“IMGS”)**, located at **1500 E Duarte Rd, Duarte CA 91010**. The funding would be used to **acquire a next-generation mass spectrometry platform that will enhance Irell & Manella Graduate School’s (IMGS) educational environment, strengthen faculty research capacity, and accelerate scientific discovery in acute myeloid leukemia (AML) treatment resistance. Acute myeloid leukemia (AML) remains one of the most aggressive and treatment resistant blood cancers. Through modern proteomic technologies—such as the Thermo Orbitrap Astral Zoom LCMS system—researchers can now analyze more than 10,000 proteins from small patient samples and identify rare, treatment resistant cell populations that can cause cancer relapses. This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will directly enhance graduate education, expand hands-on training in state-of-the-art proteomics, and empower faculty to pursue innovative research that improves understanding of AML biology and treatment resistance.**

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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gilbert Ray Cisneros, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Member of Congress