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March 13, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
2207 Rayburn House Office Building,
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
2413 Rayburn House Office Building,
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Rapid Environmental Sensing Post Natural Disaster (RESPOND) Laboratory in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Portland State University, located at 1600 SW 4th Avenue, Portland, OR 97201. The funding would be used to purchase and equip the RESPOND LAB, a mobile disaster response laboratory that can rapidly test air, water, soil and surfaces for toxic chemicals after environmental disasters. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would improve public health protections during events such as wildfires, industrial accidents or chemical spills by providing immediate, high-quality data to guide evacuation, cleanup and recovery decisions.

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 neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Suzanne Bonamici
Member of Congress