

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-4329**

May 23, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for East End Innovation Incubator Development in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Houston Downtown, located at 1 Main Street, Houston, TX 77002. The funding would be used for a new community innovation incubator space that would expand the University of Houston Downtown's capacity. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will bring about economic empowerment, social action, and social change by students, faculty, alumni, and the community as they develop new economic and social enterprises, research, and develop robust community health to build a sustainable, vibrant urban ecology for Greater Houston.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(4), and 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,



Member of Congress