

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

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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 the Promoting Nutritious Food and Entrepreneurial Development project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the UTHealth Houston School of Dentistry, located at 7500 Cambridge St, Houston, TX 77054. The funding would be used to renovate a full kitchen and purchase refrigeration equipment to better serve the surrounding community. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will address community food security and nutrition needs, as well as provide essential dental care for a community that not only identifies as a food desert but also as one with a high percentage of un-/underinsured individuals. Having these services available to constituents could provide a lifechanging impact onto their lives.

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

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

Sincerely,



Member of Congress