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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Butler University Holcomb Observatory and Planetarium Initiative in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Butler University, located at 4600 Sunset Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46208.

The funding would be used for the procurement of astronomy education equipment, including a 4K planetarium projection system, a portable planetarium for Title I outreach, and remote-access hardware for the Holcomb Observatory telescope. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it leverages NASA's Open Science goals to provide STEM education to 10,000 annual visitors and underserved K-12 students, preparing the future workforce for careers in science, data analytics, and engineering.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 20102 of title 51, United States Code.

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

Sincerely,



André Carson  
Member of Congress