

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0502

March 17, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **Public Health Laboratory** project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is **County of Humboldt**, located at 825 Fifth Street Eureka, CA, 95501.

The funding would be used to build a new 10,000 sq. ft. Public Health Laboratory Facility. A purpose-built space utilizing new and emerging laboratory technology for clinical and environmental testing and bioterrorism response programs. The current laboratory, one of only 29 remaining in the state, is in a 100-year-old, repurposed building and aging modular units in a parking lot that don't have the space or power to run modern equipment.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under the Public Health Service Act.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the laboratory supports essential public health services throughout Humboldt County and the surrounding region.

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

Sincerely,



JARED HUFFMAN
Member of Congress