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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Augusta University's Cancer Research Equipment in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Augusta University. Funding will be used to purchase and implement technology to modernize and harmonize biospecimen data systems. This will allow AU's Georgia Cancer Center Biorepository (GCCB) to better identify and measure biologic processes in order to support research, improve data availability for investigators, and accelerate discoveries aligned with our research mission. Additional equipment will be used to enable highly multiplexed, high-dimensional single-cell analysis. Its capability to resolve small particles (~80 nm) supports emerging applications including extracellular vesicle and nanoparticle biomarker studies. A benchtop centrifuge accommodates a wide range of tubes, bottles, and multi-well plates, enabling essential sample preparation and quality control tasks. These instruments bolster cytometry services for cell characterization essential for clinical study support.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 272 of title 15, United States Code.

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

Sincerely,



Earl L. "Buddy" Carter  
Member of Congress