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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Frostburg State University Planetarium project in the Fiscal Year 2025 Commerce, Justice & Science, & Related Agencies Appropriations Bill. The entity to receive funding for this project is Frostburg State University, located at 101 Braddock Rd., Frostburg, MD 21532.

If awarded, this funding would be used to bring the university's planetarium up to date with cutting edge technology and equipment, by replacing outdated equipment and comprehensively upgrading the audio and visual systems needed to expand STEM education, scientific literacy, and a love for Space, Science and Technology in Western Maryland.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 20102 of title 51, United States Code. This project focuses on science, education, research, and technology development related to NASA's mission. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Trone".

David Trone
Member of Congress