April 25, 2022

The Hon. Rosa L. DeLauro
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Hon. Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth H.O.B.
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the below community project in fiscal year 2023 (FY23):

**Name:** North Bethesda-White Flint Institute for Intelligent and Immersive Computing for Life Sciences and Medicine  
**Amount Requested:** $3 million  
**Recipient:** Montgomery County  
**Recipient Address:** 101 Monroe Street, Rockville, MD 20850  
**Purpose:** This funding will support the acquisition of computational equipment at the new White Flint Institute for Computational Life Science in Montgomery County, which will use that equipment to explore how Artificial Intelligence (AI), machine learning and virtual reality can help to identify meaningful patterns hidden in the enormous data sets being generated through life science research in Maryland and elsewhere in order to accelerate discoveries in life science and medicine.  
**Justification:** The Institute is planned as a partnership among Montgomery County, the University of Maryland College Park and the University of Maryland Baltimore, and the State of Maryland, to harness the tremendous public and private sector life science assets in the Montgomery County and Central Maryland region with the computational expertise of UMCP. This partnership will accelerate discoveries and advances in life sciences, biomanufacturing, and medicine. The Institute ultimately will be located in Montgomery County, in the North Bethesda White Flint area adjacent to the North Bethesda (White Flint) Metro station and is intended to kickstart an economic resurgence in the area, with a wide variety of new employment opportunities for current and future residents.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

Jamie Raskin  
Member of Congress