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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Phosphogypsum Radioactivity Reduction Project at the Florida Industrial and Phosphate Research (FIPR) Institute in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Florida Polytechnic University – FIPR Institute, located at 1855 West Main Street, Bartow, Florida 33830. The funding would be used to acquire a radioactivity analyzing system, an advanced mineralogical analyzer (QEMSCAN), salaries for researchers and technicians, and supplies.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it advances research to reduce the radioactivity of phosphogypsum waste produced by the Florida phosphate industry.

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,



C. Scott Franklin

Member of Congress