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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
House Appropriations Committee  
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H-307 The Capitol  
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
Democrats  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Northeastern Pennsylvania mobile STEM education lab in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Vytal Plant Science Research, located at 15 W. Broad St., Hazleton, PA, 18201. The funding would be used for acquiring, outfitting, operating, and providing programming for a mobile STEM lab to recruit, engage, and educate K-16 students in the fields of robotics, computer science, chemistry, physics, biology, astronomy, and engineering. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will help meet the region's increasing demand for workers educated in engineering, engineering technologies, computer science, information technologies, and other sciences such as chemistry and physics by providing increased classroom space for STEM education, student internships for critical space-related industries, student mentorships to serve as role models for younger students, and STEM student recruiting, including first generation applicants.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 20102 of title 51, United States Code.

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

Sincerely,



Matt Cartwright  
Member of Congress