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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 the Pennsylvania Engine for Plant Science Innovation Project in fiscal year 24. The entity to receive the funding is the Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress (DHAP), located at 8 W. Broad Street, Hazleton, Pennsylvania, 18201. The funding would be used to renovate 5,000 square feet of existing space to construct a center for plant science innovation. The Pennsylvania Engine for Plant Science Innovation will feature three main components: 1) a bioscience laboratory; 2) a 2,000 square foot rooftop greenhouse with solar panels, and 3) an incubator to meet the needs of bioscience start-up companies seeking to commercialize discoveries in biomaterials. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will revitalize both the city and broader region as a center for biotechnology, recharge the regional economy, and lift a generation of disadvantaged people into satisfying, rewarding careers.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

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