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May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Destination for Astrophysics & Data Science Education in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Talcott Mountain Science Center for Student Involvement, Inc. located at 324 Montevideo Rd, Avon, CT 06001. The funding would be used to purchase state-of-the-art equipment to be used in hands-on learning opportunities, both formal and informal, for K-12 students throughout the State of Connecticut. The project includes three components: upgrading planetarium projection, enabling remote access and control of high-powered telescope, and equipping a laboratory for astrophysics and data science. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would help Talcott Mountain Science Center serve as a destination for K-12 education in astrophysics and data science.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jahana Hayes".

Jahana Hayes
Member of Congress