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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
Republicans
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
Democrats
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Frostburg State University (FSU) Planetarium in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Frostburg State University, located at 101 Braddock Rd, Frostburg, MD 21532. The funding would be used to purchase new equipment for the FSU Planetarium, including telescopes, a projection system, a surround sound system, and a computer upgrade, to modernize the Planetarium's outdated technology. This upgrade will enhance STEM education, support scientific literacy, and improve community engagement in Western Maryland. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will restore a critical educational resource that provides free STEM programming to underserved communities in Western Maryland. The investment will support workforce development, scientific literacy, and regional economic growth, while enhancing Maryland's leadership in science and technology. The project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized 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, reading "April McClain Delaney".

April McClain Delaney
Member of Congress