

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-2404

March 27th, 2026

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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

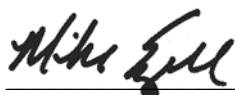
I am requesting funding for the Vivarium project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is University of Southern Mississippi located at 118 College Drive, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, 39406. The funding would be used to provide the University with equipment to increase it's research, collaboration, and lead the Nation in scientific studies.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will strength and equip the Life Science Research, and Development Building at the University of Southern Mississippi with equipment that will strength Mississippi's biomedical research. While also advancing national priorities in measurement science, reproducibility, and research quality.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in NIST's, 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,



Mike Ezell  
Member of Congress