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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
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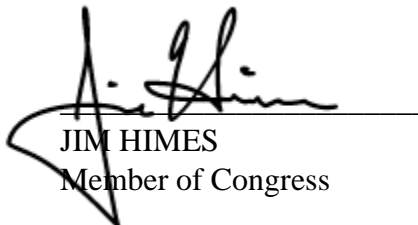
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Planetarium & Astronomy Center Equipment in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Stamford Museum & Nature Center Inc., located at 39 Scofieldtown Road, Stamford, Connecticut 06903.

The funding would be used to purchase essential equipment to outfit the planetarium, observatory, and classrooms with new technology, including telescopes, a motorized roof, and classroom technology. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the opportunities and access offered by the planetarium and observatory will cultivate the next generation of scientists and engineers and support Connecticut's growing "aerospace alley" and industrial base. Developing a diverse pipeline of talent will contribute to NASA's efforts to expand human knowledge of the earth, preserve the role of the U.S. as a leader in aeronautical and space science and technology, and ultimately the search for life's origin, evolution, distribution, and future in the universe.

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 black ink, appearing to read "Jim Himes", written over a horizontal line.

JIM HIMES
Member of Congress