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April 27, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Arkansas Tech University Nursing Program Enhancement in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Arkansas Tech University. The University's address is 215 West O St. Russellville, Arkansas 72801.

The Arkansas Tech University Nursing Program Enhancement will improve the already-successful nursing program offered at Arkansas Tech University's Russellville and Ozark campuses. The project will fund equipment for two simulation labs (one at each campus) in order to ensure ATU's nursing programs have access to high-fidelity simulation facilities. These simulation facilities are not only necessary for normal school operations but especially important for instruction now due to the limits the Covid-19 pandemic have placed on nursing school clinical access. Supporting a successful nursing program in Arkansas is essential to ensuring continued patient care in the State, as all of Arkansas's 75 counties, except one (Grant County in South Central Arkansas), are considered at least partial Medically Underserved Areas (MUA) by the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA). Of those 74 counties, 59 counties have a full county MUA designation, including Franklin County (where ATU's Ozark Campus is located).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Steve Womack  
Member of Congress