



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4308

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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Laboratory for Augmented Surgical Training (LAST Lab) at the Sam Houston State University's (SHSU) campus in my district for fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is located at 925 City Central Avenue, Conroe, TX, 77303

This project will support instrumentation for the LAST Lab at Sam Houston State University College of Osteopathic Medicine (SHSU-COM). Through this project, SHSU COM will acquire a da Vinci Surgical System to serve as the anchor robotic training platform and establish a fully integrated simulation laboratory that supports laparoscopic, endoscopic, and robotic skill development. The instrumentation will support research and training in advanced surgical simulation, robotic surgical systems, and minimally invasive training platforms for faculty, medical students, medical residents, and practicing physicians in advanced surgical technologies and skills. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under, and consistent with, the functions and activities described in 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,

Morgan Luttrell
Member of Congress