

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-1005**

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Georgia Biomanufacturing Workforce Accelerator for Emerging Therapies in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Georgia Institute of Technology, located at Office of Institute Relations Georgia Institute of Technology A. French Building, Suite 15 237 Uncle Heinie Way, Atlanta, GA 30332. The funding would be used for would allow the Georgia Institute of Technology to devise and implement educational strategies to create data-sciences fluent graduates who can work at various levels in the biomanufacturing sector. These educational tools may include hands-on courses, modules or program curricula using innovative pedagogies such as laboratory-based learning with state-of-the art manufacturing equipment, problem-based learning, flipped classrooms, and virtual and cross-reality training and online learning.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because The lack of skilled cell-manufacturing workforce and of appropriate training in data analytics and data sciences, have been identified as two major barriers for the acceleration of promising therapies into commercial products. This growing field has the potential to generate economic growth and job opportunities, but requires skill sets that currently do not exist in adequate numbers.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes 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,



Nikema Williams  
Member of Congress