

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3215

March 19th, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Bronx Urban Agriculture Resilience Program in Fiscal Year 2027.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Fordham University, located at 441 E Fordham Rd, Bronx, NY 10458.

The funding would be used to support the launch of an urban agriculture micro-credential program at the Bronx Green Jobs Center at Fordham University. Fordham University will develop and pilot, with community organizations, public programs focused on the role of urban agriculture in building climate resiliency and healthier waterfronts around the Bronx. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it seeks to support the protection, restoration, and responsible development of our nation's diverse coastal communities and resources.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. § 1451 et seq.).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Ritchie Torres
Member of Congress