

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3902

March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$2,325,000.00 for the Center for Microplastics Exposure and Human Health Research in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Rhode Island, located at 35 Campus Avenue, Kingston, Rhode Island 02881. The funding would be used to establish the first of its kind, global Center for Microplastics Exposure and Human Health Research. The Center will focus on understanding how micro- and nanoplastics from food packaging, shellfish and fish from Rhode Island waterways, drinking water, and airborne particles enter the human body, accumulate in tissues, and influence biological processes linked to inflammation, metabolic disease, neurodegeneration, reproductive health, and aging. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will make a meaningful impact on understanding how micro-and nanoplastics affect human health.

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



Seth Magaziner
Member of Congress