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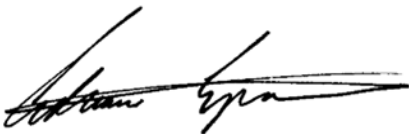
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I respectfully request funding for the City College of New York (CCNY) Urban Resource and Validation Facility in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Research Foundation of the City University of New York located at 160 Convent Avenue, New York, NY 10031. The funding will allow CCNY to assist New York City and other urban communities across the nation in finding and implementing solutions to the problems of municipal waste.

This request is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the findings from this project will help NYC reduce wastewater treatment operating costs and waste handling requirements. Because large urban wastewater systems across the country face similar cost, operational, and emissions pressures, data generated here can inform decisions in other cities confronting the same issues. This project also provides CCNY students—many from Upper Manhattan communities—hands-on research experience and workforce preparation in water infrastructure operations, a critical public sector with strong career pathways. CCNY serves a large population of first-generation, Pell-eligible, and commuter students from Upper Manhattan and surrounding communities in NY-13. This project creates direct employment pathways to NYC DEP and regional water utilities, offering high-skill careers in environmental infrastructure.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding 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,



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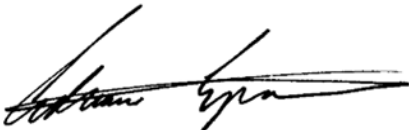
I respectfully request funding for the Expanding the Capabilities of the Harlem Materials Lab project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Research Foundation of the City University of New York d/b/a Advanced Science Research Center located at 85 St. Nicholas Terrace, New York, NY. The project will be located at 461 West 126th Street in New York, NY 10027-4523.

CUNY is the largest urban public university system in the United States, serving more than 240,000 degree-seeking students, many from historically underrepresented backgrounds in STEM. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because by providing access to advanced research infrastructure, this project creates pathways for students, researchers, and entrepreneurs to participate directly in high-growth technology sectors.

Over a ten-year period, the project is projected to support approximately 750 jobs through direct facility operations, startup companies using the facility, and workforce training programs connected to the lab's activities. It is estimated that more than 3,000 constituents will directly benefit from workforce training, startup employment, educational programming, and research partnerships enabled by the Harlem Materials Lab.

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