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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the **Establishment of a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Program at UMES Project** in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) located at 30665 Student Services Center Princess Anne, MD 21853. The purpose of this funding is to support the establishment of a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program at UMES.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will allow UMES to establish the first program of its kind in the Maryland-Delaware-D.C. region, providing access to this education to traditionally underserved students. This project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andy Harris".

Andy Harris, M.D.  
Member of Congress