The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations,  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

TheHonorableTomCole  
RankingMember  
Committee on Appropriations,  
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting Funding for the Native American Arthritis Research and Training Center as a community project funding request in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation located at 825 NE 13th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73104.

This funding would be used to create the Native American Arthritis Research and Training Center to address these disparities and improve the lives of Native patients with arthritis. The goals of the Center are several-fold. First, through the purchase of durable radiology equipment, development of clinical databases and data capture tools (for patients and for health systems) and development of a centralized multidisciplinary team to provide cutting edge care. Students and tribal staff will be provided with rheumatology training opportunities, as well as with training in clinical research and integration with tribal led research projects preparing tribes and tribal clinicians with the skills necessary to provide effective arthritis clinical care and to increase federal research funding to the tribes.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Stephanie L. Bice  
Member of Congress