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

March 17, 2026

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Center for Advance Brain Imaging and Neurophysiology (UR CABIN) in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Rochester, located at 500 Joseph C. Wilson Blvd, Rochester, NY 14627.

The funding would be used for the University of Rochester to replace and renovate its whole-body MRI scanner. This project is vital to the Center for Advanced Brain Imaging and Neurophysiology (UR CABIN), a multimodal imaging research center where technological innovation aids basic, translational, and clinical scientists in their exploration of the brain. The facility supports a wide range of scientific discovery—from fundamental neuroscience research to clinical applications—while fostering cross-disciplinary collaboration. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because replacing the aging MRI scanner at the Center for Advanced Brain Imaging and Neurophysiology (CABIN)—the only MRI dedicated solely to research in upstate New York—protects the significant taxpayer investment already made through NIH-funded studies that rely on this facility. A modern system will support cutting-edge research that improves the understanding of brain function and disease, leading to better diagnostics, treatments, and health outcomes.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph D. Morelle".

Joseph Morelle
Member of Congress