

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-1805**

May 2, 2025

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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Center for Risks, Insurability, and Sustainable Protection Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Louisiana State University located at 130 David Boyd Hall, Baton Rouge, LA, 70803.

The funding would be used to establish the Center for Risks, Insurability, and Sustainable Protection (CRISP) at Louisiana State University (LSU), which will seek to provide actionable designs for mitigation planning to reduce insurance costs associated with compound flooding from extreme weather events. This funding would allow LSU to hire expert staff as well as post-doctoral and graduate research assistants and assist in purchasing scientific equipment to support the research.

This project is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it will ensure state and local municipalities have the information and resources necessary to implement effective flood mitigation policies that both reduce insurance costs and better prepare Louisianans when natural disasters strike.

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

I request you give this project every consideration, consistent with all rules and regulations. Thank you for your attention to this request. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Julia Letlow, Ph.D.  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS