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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the **Research Investigative Lab** project in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is **Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare** located at 200 University Avenue E. St. Paul, MN 55101. The project proposed by Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare is critical for research and patient care. Among other things, the lab would be used to conduct research related to assessment of motor control, movement disorders, spasticity, and pain. Equipment needed in that space will include but not be limited to magnetic stimulators for non-invasive neuromodulation, electromyography equipment for muscle excitability, muscle force assessment equipment and ultrasound for muscle composition.

The new investigative lab will also include a rehabilitation research and clinical care space needed to advance the development of biofeedback, robotics, and exoskeleton development to target impaired motor control for rehabilitation of individuals with cerebral palsy, brain injury, and other neuromuscular disorders. The lab will support novel research to improve the standard of care for children with brain, bone and movement disorders treated at Gillette Children's as well as those treated elsewhere across the country and world. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Betty McCollum  
Member of Congress