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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the expansion of Angelo State University's mechanical engineering research and workforce development programs in manufacturing in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Angelo State University, located at 2601 W Avenue N, San Angelo, Texas 76909-5099. The funding would be used for the purchase of advanced equipment for materials characterization and prototype development, including scanning electron microscopy, X-ray diffraction systems, and a metal-bed 3D printer to support research and manufacturing innovation. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will strengthen domestic manufacturing research, expand workforce training opportunities for students, and support partnerships between Angelo State University and regional manufacturing industries that are vital to the economy of Texas' 11th Congressional District.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 15 U.S.C. § 272(b) and (c), which authorize the National Institute of Standards and Technology to support scientific research, measurement science, and technological innovation

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

Sincerely,



August Pfluger
Member of Congress