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March 18, 2024

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 Advanced Metallography and Materials Characterization Institute (AMMCI) in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is The University of Texas Permian Basin, located at 4901 E. University Blvd., Odessa, Texas 79762. The funding would be used for the purchase and installation of advanced metallography and materials characterization equipment and laboratory infrastructure to support materials testing, manufacturing research, and workforce training. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will support innovation, strengthen the regional manufacturing and energy sectors, and provide workforce training opportunities in materials science and advanced manufacturing for students and local industry in the Permian Basin.

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