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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 HOB
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for a High-Performance Research Computing Lab in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Texas A&M University-Central Texas located at 1001 Leadership Place, Killeen, Texas, 76549. The funding would be used to develop a high-performance computing laboratory to conduct computational and data-intensive research activities using cutting-edge technologies, artificial intelligence (AI) techniques, and interconnected cyber-physical systems.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because through the proposed research, researchers will develop innovative methods and tools that fortify critical infrastructure, ensuring a scalable, interoperable, and trustworthy environment for our interconnected cyber-physical systems and IoT devices. Such a laboratory would allow community researchers and engineers to tackle computing-intensive problems that are otherwise infeasible with conventional computing resources.

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,



August Pfluger
Member of Congress