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March 18, 2026

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 Stackable Credentials for Next Generation STEM Workforce Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Texas A&M University–Central Texas, located at 1001 Leadership Place, Killeen, TX 76549. The funding would be used to develop and implement short-term, stackable credential programs in cybersecurity for aviation, software engineering, and artificial intelligence, including curriculum development, instructional delivery, workforce training infrastructure, and support for military-connected students transitioning into high-demand STEM careers. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it strengthens the domestic STEM workforce pipeline, supports transitioning servicemembers and military families, and addresses critical workforce shortages in cybersecurity, software development, and advanced technologies that are essential to national security, aerospace innovation, and economic competitiveness.

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