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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4311

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

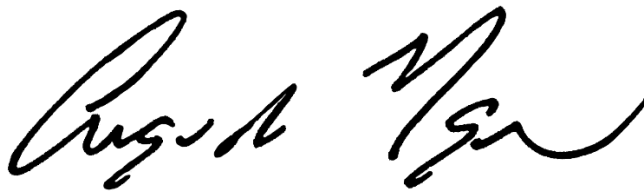
I am requesting funding for the A&M-Central Texas High-Performance Research Computing Lab in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Texas A&M University-Central Texas, located at 1001 Leadership Place, Killeen, Texas 76549.

The funding would be used to develop a state-of-the-art high-performance computing laboratory, enabling Central Texas researchers to conduct computational and data-intensive activities—leveraging cutting-edge hardware, advanced artificial intelligence techniques, and interconnected cyber-physical systems—to fortify critical infrastructure, enhance national security research, and bolster our region’s technological capacity. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it builds on NIST’s leadership in standards and advanced communications, creates new collaborative opportunities for academia, government, and industry, and strengthens workforce development in cybersecurity and data science within a historically underserved area.

This project has a Federal nexus because 15 U.S.C. 272(c)(15) authorizes NIST to “on an ongoing basis, facilitate and support the development of a voluntary, consensus-based, industry-led set of standards, guidelines, best practices, methodologies, procedures, and processes to cost-effectively reduce cyber risks to critical infrastructure.”

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