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March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I respectfully request funding for Material Science Laboratory at Baylor University in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive this funding is Baylor University, located at One Bear Place #97133, Waco, TX 76798.

This funding would be used to support an expansion of Baylor's materials testing capabilities through the purchase of additional equipment that will be used by multiple programs across Baylor's campus. The expansion proposed in this project allows for new areas of metallurgical testing and component inspection by providing non-destructive testing systems and equipment to allow researchers to understand and study the composition of metals and other materials, as well as test their durability, without compromising their structures. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would advance research and development to support metal additive manufacturing processes, study polymer composite systems, and quantify the elemental composition of materials, all of which have applications within the aerospace and defense industries. My community project funding request for this project is \$2,350,000.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 15 USC 272. Research and development of advanced materials is noted several times throughout this section of the code, and this project would support those research activities given its investment in materials development.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pete Sessions", written over a large, stylized circular flourish.

Pete Sessions  
Member of Congress