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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2022 bill, I respectfully request that you give consideration to the following funding priorities:

1. I am requesting a fiscal year 2022 funding level of \$1,665,000 for **development of a core manipulator joint** as a community project funding request. The intended recipient is the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station (TEES) located at 7607 Eastmark Drive, College Station, Texas 77940. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would leverage the investments made by the Texas A&M University System and the State of Texas in the research, testing and evaluation facility located at Texas A&M's RELIS campus in Brazos County, Texas. This project will develop a US sourced space manipulator that can be licensed to military contractors for non-exclusive use, eliminating the challenges faced by previous contractors that were purchased by foreign-owned holdings.
2. Please support and include \$18,000,000 RDT&E funds to increase Air Force RDT&E. I expect this research and development request will advance the technologies necessary to create order of magnitude performance increases in space-based communications and RF sensing applications, and also expect some of this advanced defense research and development work will continue to be performed in Brazos County, Texas.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in the project described above.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,

Pete Sessions

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Member of Congress