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The Honorable Betty McCollum
Chairwoman
Committee On Appropriations,
Subcommittee On Defense
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Ken Calvert
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations,
Subcommittee on Defense
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairwoman McCollum and Ranking Member Calvert,

As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2023 bill, I respectfully request that you give consideration to the following funding priorities:

1. Please provide a funding level of \$4,000,000 from Space Hub Space Force RDTE Space Advanced Technology Development/Demo PE 1206616SF (line 4 in FY23 budget) for a **Space Research Hub at Texas A&M University** as a community project funding request in fiscal year 2023 to assist the U.S. Space Force in meeting its long-term science and technology goals. The entity intended to receive funding is the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station (TEES) located at 1111 RELLIS Parkway, Suite 5226, Bryan, Texas 77807. This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would advance national space power in command and control, information, intelligence, fires, movement and maneuver, sustainment, and protection. Texas A&M University has a world-renowned faculty working in each of these areas that is ready and eager to do this work, and as a result I am confident forming a Space Research Hub at Texas A&M University to take advantage of this fact would dramatically accelerate the United States Space Force's development of national space power. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

2. Please provide a fiscal year 2023 funding increase of \$4,500,000 to support PE 0603119A, Line 39, "Ground Advanced Technology", Rapid Airfield Expansion Technologies. This increased funding will bring critical defense research into the 17th Congressional District of Texas by focusing on four research thrusts that will be conducted with multidisciplinary participation from Baylor University faculty and students including Physics and Engineering, and result in substantially more invention disclosures, new spin-off companies, and additional commercial opportunities for current industry in the 17th Congressional District.

3. Please provide a fiscal year 2023 funding increase of \$15,000,000 to support University Consortia for Space Technology Space Force RDTE PE 1206601SF, Line 2. This request would bolster our national defense space capabilities through the engagement of academic institutions in Texas, such as Texas A&M University, the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station, and throughout the nation. It would enable the development of enhanced technology and workforce engagement with the opportunity to benefit elements of U.S. Space Force and U.S. Space Command, and the Texas aerospace economy.

4. Please provide a fiscal year 2023 funding increase of \$5,000,000 to support Defense RDT&E - PE 0602146A (Line 14) / Network C3I Technology. The Department of Defense is increasingly dependent on safe, secure, and resilient wireless infrastructure and is concerned by the rapidly growing spectrum congestion. Therefore, I am respectfully requesting these additional funds for research to continue at Baylor University in Waco, Texas to develop a laboratory-based prototype cognitive software-defined radar to inform the development of Service and COCOM specific solutions to provide resilient new adaptive radar capabilities.
5. Please include the following report language for the program AF RDT&E PE 0603032F: “The Committee understands that developing a domestic rocket cargo transportation capability provides a critical benefit to the future of U.S. national security. The Committee recommends adopting the President’s Budget Request for AF RDT&E PE 0603032F to support progress on this program in FY 2023.”
6. Please provide a fiscal year 2023 funding increase of \$5,000,000 in Title III; Department of the Army; Weapons and Tracked Combat Vehicles, Army; P-1 Line 15; Abrams Upgrade Program to support the Abrams Upgrade Program and maintain the Army’s modernization strategy of Brigade per year and ensure the United States military continues to have a superior capability advantage over near-peer competitors in tracked combat vehicles.
7. Please support \$11,000,000 in funding for Land Surveying Systems P-1 Line 107 “Mod of In-Svc Equipment (ENFIRE)”. These additional dollars are urgently needed in fiscal year 2023 for the Department of Defense to competitively procure commercial off-the-shelf land surveying systems and software commonly used in the US commercial land survey industry, and these funds will allow the Army to complete the modernization of this equipment for its active-duty units, including one located in the 17th Congressional District of Texas.
8. Please support a fiscal year 2023 increase of \$12,000,000 only for Navy-Wide Commercial Off-the-Shelf Supply Chain Risk Management Tools in Operations and Maintenance, Department of Defense, Navy, Operation and Maintenance Program Element / Line Number: Acquisition, Logistics, and Oversight, Line 510, PE: 4B3N Program/Language Title: Navy-Wide Commercial Off-the-Shelf Supply Chain Risk Management Tools, and respectfully asks that you please include the following report language: “NAVY-WIDE COMMERCIAL OFF-THE-SHELF SUPPLY CHAIN RISK MANAGEMENT TOOLS - The Committee appreciates the Department’s improved posture over the last year to respond to the growing need for supply chain awareness.”
9. Please support a fiscal year 2023 increase of \$25,000,000 for program PE 1206601SF: Space Technology to add Air Force RDT&E funds for "Next Generation Multiband Space Array for Network Enabled Weapons." This program produces breakthrough improvement in space-based antenna systems which enable numerous warfighter benefits and this funding increase will lead to a new generation of capabilities.
10. Please support the President’s 2023 budget request for the Peer Reviewed Cancer Research Program (PRCP). The PRCP offers an important opportunity to study diseases like stomach cancer that are not well understood, have few treatment options, and for which military service confers a higher risk.
11. Please provide an increase of \$100,000 for Civil Air Patrol Vehicle Procurement PE#: 0901223F Approps Account: Other Procurement Air Force (OPAF) or 3080F Line-Item #: Other Procurement AF:

BA-02, BSA-02, Line 003, # 822910. This program saves lives through its emergency services, supports numerous federal, state, and community government needs, shapes lives through its youth and education programs, and returns \$3 in services to every \$1 of funding and saves the Air Force, government, and states additional millions annually due to its volunteer members' service and the use of low-cost aircraft and vehicles.

12. Please support a fiscal year 2023 total funding level of \$553,600,000 for the Compass Call Line 17 program PE# 3010F. This funding is critical to fielding the needed advanced electronic warfare capabilities to meet growing global threats to our national security.

13. Please support a fiscal year 2023 total funding level of \$337,430,000 for the Compass Call Modifications Line 52 program PE# 3010F. This funding is critical to fielding the needed advanced electronic warfare capabilities to meet growing global threats to our national security.

14. Please support a fiscal year 2023 total funding level of \$727,861,000 for the Compass Call Engines and Spares Line 69 program PE# 3010F. This funding is also critical to fielding the needed advanced electronic warfare capabilities to meet growing global threats to our national security.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pete Sessions". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Pete Sessions
Member of Congress