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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I respectfully request funding for Texas A&M Advanced Industrial Manufacturing and Innovation Center in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive this funding is Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station, located at 1111 RELLIS Parkway, Suite 5226, Byran, Texas 77807.

This \$3,074,458 project establishes a dedicated STEM training pathway in Robotics, Artificial Intelligence, and Advanced Manufacturing for middle and high school students in the Hearne and Calvert Independent School Districts through the Texas A&M AIM Center. By creating a specialized lab, equipment access, and curriculum aligned with Texas A&M engineering standards, the program will provide rural students with hands-on training and a clear pathway to high-demand careers in advanced manufacturing, engineering, and emerging technologies.

This investment is a responsible use of taxpayer dollars because it strengthens the workforce pipeline for critical industries while expanding opportunity in underserved rural communities. The program supports regional economic growth, prepares students for high-wage technical careers, and serves as a scalable model for rural STEM workforce development nationwide.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 20102 of title 51, United States Code.

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

Sincerely,

Pete Sessions
Member of Congress