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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 Central Texas High Performance Computing and Artificial Intelligence for Research in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive this funding is Baylor University, located at One Bear Place #97133, Waco, TX 76798.

This funding would be used to modernize high-performance computing (HPC) infrastructure in Central Texas, hosted at Baylor University in Waco. Specifically, the project would ensure researchers, students, and public interest projects can compete for and execute federally funded research that increasingly depends on advanced computing, artificial intelligence (AI), and large-scale data analysis.

This project is a responsible use of taxpayer dollars because it strengthens secure high-performance computing infrastructure needed for federally funded research in artificial intelligence and advanced data science while supporting workforce development and innovation critical to U.S. economic competitiveness. My community project funding request for this project is \$5,064,000.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 272 of title 15, United States Code.

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,

Pete Sessions
Member of Congress