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May 23, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Innovation Factory Phase II project in fiscal year 2026.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of El Paso, located at 300 N. Campbell, El Paso, TX 79901. The funding would be used to construct the Advanced Manufacturing District Innovation Factory – Phase II, which involves developing modular Maker Spaces designed to provide cost-savings for early-stage manufacturing and aerospace companies through training, back-office support, environmental management, product design and value chain, and access to advanced manufacturing, testing, and evaluation equipment.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the expansion will support local companies into middle-stage transition, advancing local advanced manufacturing and aerospace industry development by capturing out-of-region supply chain sourcing for Fort Bliss, White Sands Missile Range, and anchor employers. This will ultimately lead to more jobs and economic development in the region.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Veronica Escobar".

Veronica Escobar
Member of Congress