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May 10, 2024

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 HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Manufacturing Research for All Domain Attributable Autonomous Systems project in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is El Paso Makes, located at 501 George Perry Blvd, El Paso, Texas 79925. The funding would be used to initiate a manufacturing research project with El Paso small and medium manufacturers to develop manufacturing models enabled by digital engineering and automation capabilities to support United States goals to produce All Domain Attributable Autonomous Systems (ADA2) to counter China's military.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it accelerates additive manufacturing within the integrated digital environment as an enabling tool for rapid manufacturing systems, and provides innovation, research, and development, as well as the production of low-cost Autonomous systems and assemblies that support U.S. supply chains.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 272 of title 15, U.S.C.

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".

Member of Congress