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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 Innovation Factory Phase II project in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of El Paso, located at 300 George Perry Blvd, El Paso, TX 79925. The funding would be used to construct the Advanced Manufacturing District (AMD) Innovation Factory which involves developing nine modular Maker Spaces, 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 it supports workforce development and job creation for early-stage manufacturing and aerospace companies, stimulates economic growth, fosters innovation, enhances the region's competitiveness in key industries, strengthens supply chain connections, and positions El Paso as a hub for advanced manufacturing and aerospace development, benefiting both the local economy and the broader community.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under 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".

Member of Congress