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The Honorable Tom Cole
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the In-Space Manufacturing Research and Technology Development project in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Auburn University Applied Research Institute, located at 345 Voyager Way NW Huntsville, AL 35806. The funding would be used to conduct a technology-based research initiative for in-space manufacturing to expand capacity in North Alabama for the emerging space manufacturing sector and further develop expertise in the area. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because additional research capacity would assist in advancing manufacturing techniques and establishing a sustainable space ecosystem.

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 has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Dale Strong
Member of Congress