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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 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 am requesting funding for the AI Research Facility for Space and Defense project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is The University of Alabama in Huntsville, located at 301 Sparkman Drive, Huntsville, Alabama 35899. The funding would be used to acquire high performance computing equipment, lab equipment, and high bay test areas to conduct cutting-edge AI and machine learning research. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would support U.S. innovation, national security, research in emerging technologies and enhance public-private collaboration.

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

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

Sincerely,



Dale Strong  
Member of Congress