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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairwoman
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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the "Central Michigan University Research Corporation's Rural Critical Materials Alliance" project in fiscal year 2026.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Central Michigan University, located at 1200 South Franklin Street, Mount Pleasant, MI 48859. The funding would be used for advancing the academic and industry partnerships around critical materials in rural Michigan that will address the growing demand locally and nationally while fostering job creation and workforce development for the region. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will enhance collaboration between research and industry that will foster long-term economic resiliency at the regional, state, and national level, contributing to technologies and research standards that will impact both economic stability and national security.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 272 of title 15, United State Code.

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

Sincerely,



JOHN R. MOOLENAAR
Member of Congress