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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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H-305, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

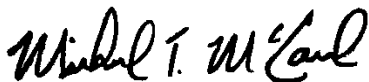
I am requesting \$3,000,000 in funding for Emerging Technologies for Rapid Response Against Pathogens (eTRRAP) in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Texas A&M University Health Science Center, located at 8441 John Sharp Parkway Clinical Building 1, Suite 3100, Bryan, Texas 77807, United States.

The purpose of this request would be to establish a national standards and demonstration platform to accelerate the validation, standardization, and interoperability of new pathogen-detection technologies. The United States currently lacks a unified, standards-based system to verify whether emerging biosensors, sequencing tools, and molecular detection platforms perform accurately and consistently, a gap that can delay diagnosis, weaken public confidence, and slow public-health response during outbreaks. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would help close that gap by developing shared standards, reference datasets, and interoperability frameworks.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purpose authorized by 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,



Michael T. McCaul
Member of Congress