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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Ballistic, Aero-Optics, and Materials Test Range project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station, located at 1111 RELLIS Parkway, Suite 5226, Bryan, TX, 77807. The funding would be used for instrumentation for phase one of the Ballistic, Aero-Optics, and Materials (BAM) Test Range to better understand turbulence, transition, and aerothermal phenomenology as they apply to aerodynamics, thermal protection materials and systems, and vehicle design. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project will make important contributions to both civilian and military aerospace capabilities, and an impact on economic development in the Brazos Valley.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for the purposes described in section 20102 of title 51, 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