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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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H-305, The Capitol
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
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1036 Longworth HOB
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

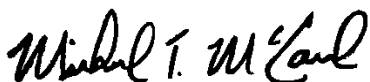
I am requesting funding for Energy Proving Grounds Workforce Deployment Accelerator in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Texas A&M University System, located at 301 Tarrow Street, College Station, Texas, 77840, United States.

The purpose of this request is to support the Energy Proving Grounds (EPG) at Texas A&M's RELIS Campus, a first-of-its-kind testbed for demonstrating dispatchable, next-generation energy technologies including advanced Small Modular Reactor (SMR) nuclear power, hydrogen production from fossil fuels with carbon capture, and deep geothermal systems. This project will also establish a dedicated training center to provide hands-on workforce development for students and transitioning oil and gas workers, ensuring the expertise needed to drive U.S. leadership in reliable, innovative energy solutions. This project is crucial for advancing American energy independence, innovation, and workforce readiness in emerging power technologies.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purpose authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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