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

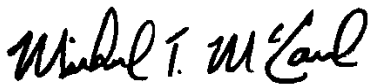
I am requesting funding for Center for Materials and Manufacturing in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station, located at 1111 RELIS Parkway, Suite 5226, Bryan, Texas, 77807, United States.

The purpose of this funding is to establish an integrated manufacturing and qualification facility focused on advanced materials and components for extreme environments in energy, defense, and space applications. The project is designed to close the current gap between laboratory discovery and deployment by creating a single coordinated capability to design, fabricate, test, and qualify mission-ready components. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it creates the infrastructure needed to move advanced materials and components more quickly from concept to qualified use in sectors critical to national security, energy, and space leadership.

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