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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
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

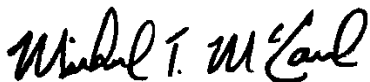
I am requesting funding \$5,000,000 for Roadside Safety Hardware Testing and Standards Development in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Texas A&M Transportation Institute, located at 1111 RELLIS Parkway, Bryan, Texas, 77807, United States.

The purpose of this request is to develop computer models of battery electric vehicles and use them to perform impact simulations with existing and improved roadside safety hardware (RSH). The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses a challenging issue facing transportation officials – the stability and effectiveness of roadside safety hardware. This project will enable the development of new standards for roadside safety hardware, compatible with the current vehicle fleet on our nation's roadways, with the purpose of saving lives.

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