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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:

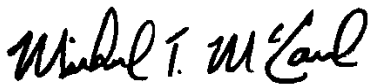
I am requesting \$5,000,000 in funding for Texas A&M Space Platform Integrating Research and Innovative Technology (SPIRIT) in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is The Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station, located at 1111 RELIS Parkway, Suite 5226, Bryan, Texas, 77807, United States.

The purpose of this request is to build and operate a dedicated on-orbit research facility attached to the International Space Station. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will help advance technological readiness levels for space systems, advanced materials manufacturing, in-space research, testing, robotics, space surveillance and tracking demonstrations, and other technology validation efforts that support NASA missions and accelerate the path from laboratory research to flight-ready systems.

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