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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 Spark! PK-12 Engineering Education Outreach 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 go toward the goal of increasing the number of engineering professionals. The project would do this through teacher professional development so that teachers can integrate engineering practices and scientific research into their classroom and community outreach activities to engage students and parents from urban and rural areas to increase awareness of engineering professions. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the project would help to fulfill the statewide need for future engineers.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in 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

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