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## **Congress of the United States** House of Representatives Mashington, DC 20515–0103

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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations H-305, the Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth HOB Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Auburn University Advanced Manufacurting Center for Workforce Development project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Auburn University located at 107 Samford Hall Auburn, AL 36849. The project will allow for phase 2 construction of an Advanced Manufacturing and Workforce Development Center at Auburn University's Research Park. Additional space will allow for the creation of programs that will produce talented engineers with manufacturing experience, upskilling of existing workforce, and the development of new technologies to make the Alabama and southern regional industrial base more competitive and prosperous. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Auburn University remains committed to initiatives that enhance manufacturing capabilities and job training and will dedicate institutional funds to this and other additional facilities at the site.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Mike Ryan

Mike Rogers Member of Congress



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