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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Manufacturing Innovation Initiatives in FY25.

The entity to receive funding for this project is for Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center Manufacturing Innovation Initiatives, located at 7300 Jack Newell BLVD S. Fort Worth, Texas 76118.

The funding would be used for the Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center (TMAC) plans to expand the services offered to industry and entrepreneurs in the North Texas region. To make this vision a reality the leadership feels there is a growing need to expand the TMAC's Automation & Innovation Center's capabilities. They are proposing the addition of new robotics and other smart manufacturing technology capabilities, along with the development of new mobile demonstration capabilities of the same, that will provide North Texas area manufacturers, entrepreneurs, and start-ups with access to advanced manufacturing technology, advanced workforce training, new product innovation and entrepreneurial support.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the technology team will provide support services for early-stage start-up and entrepreneurial development, as well as assistance to help accelerate the profitable growth of established manufacturing companies in the Metroplex region. A key element of this center will be advanced manufacturing demonstration and training for the workforce on the latest equipment to help reinforce and improve the learning cycles. Key industries of focus for this center will be aerospace and defense, semiconductors, electric vehicles, and biomedical technology.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 272 of title 15, United States Code.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Ellzey', written over a printed name and title.

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Congressman, Texas 6th District

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