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The Honorable Hal Rogers
Chairman
Subcommittee on CJS
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington D.C. 20515

The Honorable Matthew Cartwright
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on CJS
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Cartwright,

I am requesting funding for the Advanced Materials Engineering Research Institute-Semiconductor Fabrication Project in Fiscal Year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Florida International University, located at 11200 SW 8 Street, Miami, FL 33199.

The funding would be used to fuel translation accelerators and a semiconductor fabrication test bed, toward workforce development and training, and supporting programs to provide entrepreneurial training. The Advanced Materials Engineering Research Institute specializes in the realization of high-tech solutions to solve advanced technological problems for research, product development, and analysis. Funding would be used for instrumentation in support of Advanced Materials Engineering Research Institute instrumentation to create capacity for semiconductor fabrication. This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will contribute greatly to research enterprises and affiliated companies to collaborate in South Florida and benefit from the CHIPS Act.

The project as 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,



Congressman Carlos A. Gimenez