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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the FIU Secure & Resilient Communications Verification Facility for National Security and Space Systems Project in Fiscal Year 2027.

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

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it strengthens national capabilities to verify and characterize secure and resilient high-frequency communications technologies relied upon for national security, public safety, space systems, and critical infrastructure. The investment establishes a shared, multi-user facility that delivers district-based benefits with regional, statewide, and national reach by reducing technology transition risk, accelerating prototype development and validation, and training students and engineers in modern verification workflows that support high-value jobs. These outcomes serve a clear public purpose by improving the reliability and resilience of communications technologies and expanding the skilled workforce needed to sustain U.S. leadership in advanced communications and sensing.

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,



Congressman Carlos A. Gimenez