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May 10, 2024

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 the Oakland University Digital Twin Center for Smart Adaptable Manufacturing Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Oakland University, located at Wilson Hall 371 Wilson Boulevard Rochester, Michigan 48309-4486.

The funding would be used for the purchase of equipment and technology that will be used for research and education on the use of digital twins in the manufacturing sector. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it builds upon the work of NIST and the Manufacturing USA initiative to provide testing, demonstration, and standards development for smart manufacturing and digital twins, while growing and training the workforce.

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,



Haley Stevens  
Member of Congress