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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa 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 Hernando County Incubation Center project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the School District of Hernando County Florida, located at 919 North Broad Street, Brooksville, FL 34601. The funding would be used to create an incubation center to create an ecosystem where businesses, entrepreneurs, researchers, and students can innovate and commercialize space technologies. Through access to state-of-the-art facilities, mentorship programs, funding opportunities, and networking events, participants will be empowered to turn their ideas into viable businesses and research endeavors.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,

Member of Congress