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Grace Meng
Congress of the United States
Sixth District, New York

March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-305 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I respectfully request funding for the Nanofabrication Facility (Queens, New York, Sixth Congressional District) project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Research Foundation of CUNY, located at 231 West 41st Street, New York, NY 10036. The funding will go toward the acquisition of a state-of-the-art electron beam lithography system, complemented by advanced thin-film deposition and etching tools.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will significantly enhance the College's capacity to conduct original research in micro- and nanotechnology, enabling faculty and students to pursue innovative investigations in semiconductor device design, materials science, and quantum technologies. In alignment with the national priorities articulated to expand domestic semiconductor research and manufacturing, the proposed cleanroom will position Queens College as a vital contributor to the advancement of microelectronics research in the United States.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Grace Meng", written in a cursive style.

Grace Meng
Member of Congress

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