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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 Queens Applied Technology, Innovation, and Community Development Project (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 would be used to launch the Artificial Intelligence for Public Good Lab, which is designed to engineer and stress-test applied AI tools that solve complex challenges in healthcare, architecture, and systems optimization.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it focuses on applied research and the deployment of cutting-edge technology. This will move technology capacity into real-world use, strengthen local institutional collaboration, and help bridge the gap between academic inquiry and practical implementation.

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".

Grace Meng  
Member of Congress

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