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May 2, 2025

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 Technology and Innovation Hub (Queens, New York, Sixth Congressional District) project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Research Foundation of CUNY/Queens College located at 65-30 Kissena Boulevard, Flushing, NY 11367. The funding would be used to expand the Tech Incubator at Queens College (TIQC), creating a collaborative ecosystem, advanced training facilities, and community impact programs.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will acquire equipment, create training facilities, collaborate with the community, and develop programming that will use technology to help further educate the youth and underserved. Additionally, it will serve as the central hub for technology and innovation in Queens, helping to foster a network that connects public and private sectors, and catalyzes economic and social development through technology.

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,

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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I respectfully request funding for the Queens College Consortium for Digital Forensics: Analysis and Defense - Education, Studies and Applications (Queens, New York, Sixth Congressional District) project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Research Foundation of CUNY/ Queens College CUNY located at 65-30 Kissena Boulevard, Flushing, NY 11367. The funding would be used for the creation of a Consortium for Digital Forensics at Queens College.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide expert personnel and support to the study of critical issues in cybersecurity through the education of students to take roles in analysis and best practices for digital data and understanding how to detect unlawful activities.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

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

Sincerely,

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