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## Congress of the United States House of Representatives

Washington, AC 20515

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the University of Houston Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility and Controlled Unclassified Information facility development in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Houston, located at 4300 Martin Luther King Blvd. Houston, TX 77024.

The funding would be used for the development of a Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility (SCIF) and Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) facility to support the University's defense research initiatives and the greater Houston area defense technologies ecosystem. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will aid in the development of critical long-lasting research and technology for our country's defense. The request also allows other Houston area small businesses applying for and currently holding Department of Defense contracts access to the SCIF in coordination with the University.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 10 U.S.C. Chapter 169.

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

Sincerely

Member of Congress