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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the University of Massachusetts Amherst Quantum Communications Corridor project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Massachusetts Amherst, located at 300 Massachusetts Avenue in Amherst, MA 01003. The funding would be used to deploy and connect quantum networking capabilities between UMass Amherst and the Massachusetts Green High Performance Computing Center (MGHPCC) in Holyoke. Key features of the corridor include: The Living Laboratory, which operates as a real-world test environment for quantum networking technologies, enabling continuous experimentation with quantum devices, photonic components, communication protocols, and network architecture under operational conditions; Workforce Training Integration, which provides students with hands-on experience with operational quantum and advanced networking systems aligned with high-demand industry and federal workforce need; and Applied Research & Technology Validation, which supports applied research, testing, and technology validation activities that accelerate the transition of quantum networking concepts from lab-scale demonstrations to deployable systems. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because as it allows scientists and students to learn from cutting-edge technology and accelerate the U.S.'s capacity to deploy quantum technologies in useful systems.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for the purposes described in section 272 of title 15, United States Code.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, nor does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James P. McGovern".

James P. McGovern  
Member of Congress