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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman,
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The Honorable Rose DeLauro
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro

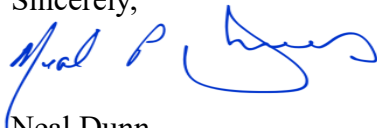
I am requesting funding for the development of a Florida State University (FSU) AI Research Ecosystem in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Florida State University, located at 601 W College Ave, Tallahassee, FL 32306.

The funding would be used to allow investment in AI infrastructure on FSU's campus that will significantly expand the university's capacity to conduct advanced artificial intelligence and machine learning research that directly supports national defense priorities. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because investing in advanced computing infrastructure is essential to establishing a robust AI ecosystem capable of supporting next-generation defense research. Modern national security challenges increasingly depend on artificial intelligence, high-performance computing, and rapid data analysis to maintain technological superiority and operational readiness. Universities play a critical role in this ecosystem by providing foundational research, workforce training, and collaborative innovation that directly supports federal defense priorities.

This project has a federal nexus because it 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, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Neal Dunn
Member of Congress