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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on
Appropriations - Minority
1036 Longworth HOB
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Steel Research Using Data Science and Artificial Intelligence for Steel Manufacturing in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Arkansas State University System, located at P.O. Box 600, State University, AR 72467. The funding would be used for (i) characterization of the properties of electrical steels, (ii) mechanical properties of steels, (iii) microstructural characterizations, (iv) creation of a fabrication shop for machining samples, (v) computational capability to carry out computational modeling and materials design as well as simulate production lines. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this research will provide additional steel manufacturing capabilities in the U.S., supporting national and economic interests.

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,



Rep. Eric A. "Rick" Crawford (AR-01)
Member of Congress