



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4302

March 18, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C.

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting \$10 million in funding for the development of Modular, Sensor-Agnostic Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) for Multi-Modal Threat Detection and Identification in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is The Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station, located at 1111 Rellis Parkway, Suite 5226 Bryan, Texas, 77807. The funding would be used for the development of a multi-sensor UAS capable of detecting, identifying, and classifying threats through onboard and edge-enabled artificial intelligence. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this technology would one day provide law enforcement and national security authorities with advanced technologies to detect airborne chemical agents in a variety of dynamic environments. This technology will be used to advance public safety.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Troy E. Nehls".

Troy E. Nehls
Member of Congress