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Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515-0701

May 8, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman House Appropriations Committee Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Appropriations Committee Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Development of Statewide Cross Technology Energy Advisory and Service Office. The entity to receive funding for this project is CONNSTEP, Inc. located at 350 Church St Hartford, CT 06103. The funding would be used for the establishment of an industry-led grassroots office to define emerging needs of energy sector and lower energy costs for manufacturers.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will support Connecticut's role as the "Fuel Cell Silicon Valley of the US". Additionally, it will support the Offshore Wind Energy projects under development and the recent Department of Energy battery project in Bridgeport and coordinate with the Industrial Assessment Center at UCONN. This Program will continue the efforts of the Consortium to support the CT fuel cell and energy markets in Space, Underwater, and Terrestrial ground operations. The efforts will also focus on reducing energy costs which are 176% greater than national average.

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,

C JOHN B. LARSON Member of Congress