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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 Initiative in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is CONNSTEP, Inc. located at 350 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103. The funding would be used for the establishment of an industry-led grassroots office to define emerging energy needs and lower costs for manufacturers.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will continue the efforts of the consortium that was created to support the Connecticut fuel cell and energy markets in space, underwater, and terrestrial ground operations. The intended outcome of this project is the development of a world-class energy program focused on supporting the defense and manufacturing sectors.

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, В 0 C a JOHN B. LARSON Member of Congress