

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0901

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the InSPIRE Additive Manufacturing Facility in Fiscal Year 2027. While the entity to receive funding for this project is Florida State University located at 222 S Copeland Street, Tallahassee, FL 32306, the facility itself will be located at 155 Blake Ave NW, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548.

The funding would be used to purchase advanced manufacturing research and equipment for the university facility's use. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the equipment will be used to fabricate and test components and manufacturing methods to increase the speed of development for aerospace components.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in 15 U.S.C. § 272.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Jimmy Patronis
Member of Congress