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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$2,000,000 in funding for the **UT Dallas Center for Nuclear Engineering Research and Workforce Development** project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Texas at Dallas, located at 800 W. Campbell Road, Richardson, TX 75080. The funding would be used to establish the Center as a premier regional hub for advancing nuclear technologies and integrating them into the modern industrial landscape.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will catalyze the creation of high-wage jobs by aligning UT Dallas and community college curricula with the needs of small modular reactors (SMRs). SMR deployment will provide the low-cost, reliable baseload power necessary to sustain Texas's status as a global leader in AI and industrial manufacturing while supporting the stability of the Texas energy grid.

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 'Julie E. Johnson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Julie E. Johnson
Member of Congress