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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 \$3,000,000 in funding for the **UT Dallas Institute for Responsible Artificial Intelligence** 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. This funding would be used to purchase high-end GPU-based computer clusters and related equipment, as well as to cover staffing needs at the institute. The Institute will promote responsible AI algorithms and act as a resource for educational institutions in the region to support the preparation of an AI workforce through customized academic programs.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the North Texas region currently lacks an AI oriented Institute to serve the region. The presence of an AI institute in North Texas will foster economic growth, attract talent, and promote innovation by focusing on AI research, development, and education, while also addressing regional challenges and fostering collaboration between the public and private sectors.

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