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May 2, 2025

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 \$1,200,000 in funding for the **Texas A&M Engineering Academy at Dallas College** project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station, located at 1111 Rellis Parkway, Suite 5226, Bryan, Texas, 77807. The funding would be used for student scholarships, engineering equipment, and operations to support the Texas A&M Engineering Academies Program— an innovative co-enrollment program between partner community colleges and Texas A&M University designed to facilitate a smooth transition for students pursuing an engineering degree. Academy students take mathematics, science, and core curriculum courses through Dallas College while taking engineering courses from Texas A&M faculty on the partner college campus. After one or two years, students transition to Texas A&M to complete their bachelor's degrees, thus saving money toward the cost of their education.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because there will be an estimated shortage of 110,000 engineers in the State of Texas by 2032 and this project will provide access to an affordable and accessible engineering education that addresses industry needs for engineers in the 32nd Congressional District and larger DFW Metroplex ensuring students have access to employment opportunities after graduation.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in Section 20102 of title 51, 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 stylized flourish at the end.

Julie E. Johnson
Member of Congress