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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 \$3,000,000 in funding for the **University of Texas at Dallas Open Radio Access Network (O-RAN) Test and Evaluation Center** project in fiscal year 2026. 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 invest in an O-RAN laboratory to test and evaluate telecommunications technology interoperability. This Center will provide unbiased, neutral evaluation of network components to ensure quality performance needed for mobile wireless network continuity.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this effort will spur economic growth by creating a hub to enable reliable, high-speed connectivity for wireless networks. Additionally, by having validated interoperable technology from a range of vendors, our national and supply chain security for wireless networking will become more resilient.

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