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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman Committee on Appropriations H-305, the Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth HOB Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the UW Tacoma RFIC Chips Development for Wireless Communication project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Washington, located at 1410 NE Campus Parkway, Seattle, WA 98195.

These funds will be used to purchase equipment to establish the "Radio Frequency Wireless IC Laboratory" to characterize Radio Frequency Integrated Circuits (RFIC) chips for wireless communication application at the UW Tacoma School of Engineering and Technology. The lab will be used by instructors to teach how tiny bare semiconductor chips are characterized in a laboratory environment. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because to maintain the nation's leadership in the semiconductor chips markets, it is necessary to stay at the forefront of cutting-edge semiconductor chips developments, and for this reason UW Tacoma's semiconductor chips design and characterization lab will serve the nation's economic interests.

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,

Derek Kilmer

Member of Congress