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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for **Delaware Discovery Center** (**Smyrna, DE**) in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is **Delaware Aerospace Education Foundation**, located at 60 ITEC Loop, Smyrna, Delaware 19977. The funding would be used for **the completion of the Delaware Discovery Center**, **which is located in, and benefits, an underserved rural area.** The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because **the completion of this center will allow the Delaware Aerospace Education Foundation to expand their STEM leadership, education, and training programs at a time when our country is facing significant workforce shortages, particularly in STEM fields.**

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER Member of Congress