

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0516

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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 House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Mirco Maker Space for Semiconductor Prototyping in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is San Jose State University Research Foundation, located at 210 North 4th Street, Third Floor, San Jose, California 95112. The funding would be used to establish a widely accessible Mirco Maker Space with modern equipment to enable users to explore and innovate new ideas using many of the advanced fabrication techniques used in state-of-the-art microelectronics. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will recruit, train, upskill, and inspire a new workforce while providing a collaborative space for innovation among academic researchers and local industry.

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,



Sam T. Liccardo
Member of Congress