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May 1, 2025

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 CU Hearth Wildfire Research, CO project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Colorado Boulder, located at 4001 Discovery Drive, Boulder, CO 80303. The funding would be used for the purchase and installation of scientific equipment to launch CU-Hearth, a wildfire-focused research facility.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will develop fundamental standards and methods for wildfire research and it will help investigate fire-resisting properties of building materials and conditions under which they may be most efficiently used. This lab is focused on providing the testing capabilities and data to federal, state, local municipality, and industry to fully assess risk and make informed purchasing, code, and legislative decisions.

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 blue ink that reads "Joe Neguse".

Joe Neguse
Member of Congress