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March 19, 2026

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 University of Colorado SmallSat Center of Excellence project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Colorado Boulder located at 1234 Innovation Drive, Boulder, CO 80303. The funding would be used for infrastructure and tech upgrades to the Colorado SmallSat Center of Excellence (CoE) at CU Boulder's Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics (LASP). LASP is a leader in CubeSats, the small, cost-effective satellites that are transforming access to space and training the next generation of space professionals.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will enhance space workforce development, maintain America's competitiveness in space, and help fulfill NASA's mission of driving advances in science, technology, and space exploration.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in section 20102 of title 51, 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