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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington DC, 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington DC, 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$10,000,000 for the Chattanooga Quantum Innovation Hub Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Chattanooga, located at 101 E. 11th Street, Chattanooga, TN 37402. The funding would be used by Chattanooga to further develop the first commercially available quantum network in the world. This asset has begun to attract talent and capital, key elements in our country's race to compete against China's state-sponsored efforts. Partnerships with Oak Ridge National Lab and Vanderbilt University are growing, but the project can better unleash the power of our country's private sector if we can create a commercialization hub, or Quantum Innovation Hub, to host corporate, government, and university commercialization efforts tied to quantum innovation. Quantum technology has the potential to power the next generation of innovation, driving down electricity demand while sharply increasing our ability to solve complex computing problems. By taking advantage of the private sector, we will help speed needed innovations to market, creating new cutting-edge jobs and opportunities for Chattanooga residents, businesses, and public institutions.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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

Sincerely,

Congressman Chuck Fleischmann  
Member of Congress