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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-310, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rose DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-130, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$3,500,000 for the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga to launch their UTC Quantum Center with equipment to access the EPB Quantum Network in Chattanooga. The requested amount of \$3,500,000 would be used to establish within 12 months a Quantum Center connected to the EPB quantum network in Chattanooga. This launch will result in an enduring program of excellence in Quantum Information Science and Engineering with a strong focus on applications in Energy Systems. This includes innovations in Cybersecurity, Artificial Intelligence, Safe and Resilient Energy Supply, and related applications. The requested funds will be spent on launching a quantum network user lab that will be the core facility for development of educational material for outreach to K-12 in the region with special impact on underserved and rural communities; for development of a quantum technology certificate advancing up-skilling and workforce development in the region; and for providing quantum computer programming skill development. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 272 of title 15, United States Code. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Chuck Fleischmann

Member of Congress