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The Honorable Hal Rogers
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The Honorable Matt Cartwright
Ranking Member
Appropriations Subcommittee on
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1036 Longworth HOB
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Dear Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Cartwright:

I am requesting \$3,000,000 for the University of Tennessee (UTC) Chattanooga Translational Research Program. The entity to receive funding for this project is The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga located at 615 McCallie Ave., Chattanooga, Tennessee 37403. The purpose of this project is to establish, within 12 months, a translational research program at UTC to reduce the gap between academic research and impactful solutions for the state of Tennessee, our region, and the nation. The requested funds will launch a new section of the UTC Research Institute that will focus on translating research to practice. The funding will support educational and training opportunities for students to learn how to take the next critical step beyond fundamental research in addition to guidance on how to develop information disclosures and patent submissions. Funds will also be used to purchase equipment that will increase capacity within current UTC facilities for translational research and testing. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because there is a clear need to increase commercialization and use of the impactful solutions developed by university research to not only increase research and development job opportunities in the State of Tennessee and the Southeast Region, but also to improve U.S. competitiveness and grow the nation's economy.

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

Sincerely,

Chuck Fleischmann
Member of Congress