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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Florida Polytechnic University Center for Artificial Intelligence in Medicine and Biomedical Device Design project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding is Florida Polytechnic University, located at 4700 Research Parkway, Lakeland, Florida 33805. Funding will support the establishment of a research and innovation center focused on the development, testing, and validation of artificial intelligence-enabled medical technologies and biomedical devices.

The Center will support applied research and advanced technology development through high-performance computing, design and simulation tools, prototyping capabilities, and testing systems to evaluate performance, safety, and reliability. These activities will advance measurement science, system validation, and standards-based evaluation of emerging technologies in healthcare applications.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it supports research infrastructure that strengthens U.S. technological competitiveness, advances innovation in critical emerging technologies, and prepares a skilled workforce in artificial intelligence and advanced manufacturing.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for purposes authorized in 15 U.S.C. § 272, which directs the National Institute of Standards and Technology to advance measurement science, standards, and technology to enhance U.S. innovation and industrial competitiveness.

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

Sincerely,



C. Scott Franklin  
Member of Congress