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March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for a Challenger Learning Center of Northeast Alabama project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama – Challenger Learning Center of Northeast Alabama Fund, located at 1130 Quintard Avenue, Suite 100, Anniston, AL, 35901. The funding would be used for the acquisition and installation of a simulator at the center that will function to engage students and teachers in dynamic, hands-on exploration and learning that strengthen knowledge in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because more than 30,000 middle school students (5th to 8th grade) in Blount, Calhoun, Cherokee, Dekalb, Etowah, Marshall, and St. Clair counties will be eligible to participate in the NASA designed, space-themed curriculum the Center will provide. Utilization of the simulator will focus on promoting an array of STEM applied learning opportunities, with learning outcomes aligned with Alabama's math and science standards.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized 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, reading "Robert B. Aderholt".
Robert B. Aderholt
Member of Congress