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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 House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Ventura County HIVE Applied Innovation and Workforce Lab in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Ventura, located at 800 S. Victoria Ave, Ventura CA 93009.

The funding would be used for Phase I activation of the HIVE Applied Innovation and Workforce Lab: a buildout of a fabrication and applied research space equipped for small businesses, startups, veterans, and workforce trainees to develop, prototype, and test autonomous systems technologies across Advanced Air Mobility (AAM), unmanned aerial, surface, and underwater vehicles (UxV), and defense-adjacent sectors. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because It will expand economic opportunity and access to good-paying jobs for residents facing documented economic hardship by strengthening Ventura County's manufacturing and technology sectors. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2) and 5305(a)(4).

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 that reads "Julia Brownley".

JULIA BROWNLEY
Member of Congress