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May 10, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the F3 AgComputer in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of California, Merced located at 5200 North Lake Road, Merced, California, 95343.

The funding would be used for the hardware and software costs for a dedicated agricultural research and innovation supercomputer. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide Central Valley educational institutions access to the nation's top computing resources which will further research and standards, in addition to helping develop AI-driven technologies for a climate resilient food supply.

The project has a Federal Nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 272 of title 15, United States Code and consistent with NIST's mission.

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

Sincerely,

JIM COSTA
Member of Congress