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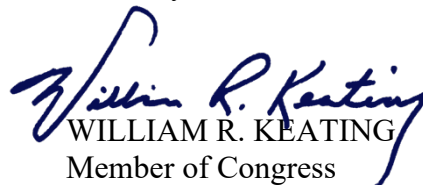
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Quantum Microelectronics and Bio-Photonics Fabrication Laboratory Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth located at 285 Old Westport Road, Dartmouth, MA 02747. The funding would be used to establish a Quantum Microelectronics and Bio-Photonics Fabrication Laboratory that will serve as the hardware foundation for its Quantum Research Initiative (QRI). The facility will operate in synergy with the Northeast Microelectronics Coalition Hub, the Massachusetts Shield initiative led by the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, and the National Security Agency-designated Cybersecurity Center of Excellence on campus.. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will support research vital to national security interests.

This project has a federal nexus because it is consistent with, and supportive of, NIST's mission and aligned with one or more of the functions and activities described in 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,

  
WILLIAM R. KEATING  
Member of Congress