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May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Silicon Bayou Semiconductor Technology Center in the fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Louisiana Lafayette, Ragin Cajun Facilities Inc., located at PO Box 42570, Lafayette, LA 70504. The funding would be used to establish the Silicon Bayou Semiconductor Training Center, a state-of-the-art technology and training center to meet the current and future workforce needs of semiconductor developers in Louisiana. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because of the necessity to address the current domestic workforce shortages, as well as the emerging workforce needs of the broader semiconductor ecosystem, positioning Louisiana to recruit and attract semiconductor companies. While the semiconductor industry was invented in the US, the growth of the sector and the need for re-shoring supply chains present a significant opportunity.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Clay Higgins".

Clay Higgins
Member of Congress