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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Ohio Statewide GPS-Alternative Infrastructure Research Initiative in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is The Ohio State University, located at The Ohio State University, 420 Dreese Laboratories, 2015 Neil Avenue, Columbus, OH 43210. The funding would be used to develop and deploy a statewide, cybersecure, alternative navigation system that does not rely on the Global Positioning System. The project will be carried out by The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. Funding will be used to purchase research equipment, materials, and supplies; establish ground-based monitoring facilities at multiple locations across the state; and equip a university research aircraft with the sensors and instrumentation required for airborne testing. The project will also support the engineering, scientific, and technical work needed to design, test, and validate a resilient navigation capability that strengthens transportation safety and infrastructure reliability across Ohio.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses a growing national vulnerability. Modern transportation systems—including aviation, roadway travel, maritime operations, freight movement, and emergency response—depend on satellite-based navigation signals that are increasingly at risk from interference, jamming, and cyberattacks. By creating a reliable, non-satellite-based navigation system, the project enhances public safety, protects critical infrastructure, and positions Ohio as a national leader in next-generation mobility and transportation technologies. The project also supports economic growth and workforce development by attracting industry partners and expanding research capacity in the Columbus Region.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joyce Beatty". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Joyce Beatty
Member of Congress