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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 Quantum Link Initiative (OQLI) in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is The Ohio State University, located at The Ohio State University, 205 Dreese Laboratory, 2015 Neil Avenue, Columbus, OH 43201. The funding would be used to purchase equipment and technical services necessary to expand a quantum-secure communication network across Ohio. The project will extend an existing quantum network by adding new links from Columbus to Lima and Columbus to Mansfield, enabling secure long-distance transmission of quantum information for research, education, and critical-infrastructure protection.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it strengthens national cybersecurity, supports advanced research, and expands workforce development opportunities in a rapidly growing technological field. The network will be maintained and operated by the Ohio State University Center for Quantum Information Science and Engineering, ensuring long-term public benefit and continued access for academic, industrial, and government partners.

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