

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

May 10, 2024

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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center Ice Core Preservation Initiative Project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is The Ohio State University, located at 15 East 15th Avenue, Fifth Floor, Columbus, OH 43210.

The funding would be used to purchase new equipment for the 35-year-old glacier ice core storage facility at The Ohio State University's Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center (BPCRC) to protect the world-renowned, unique, and irreplaceable collection of samples from tropical and mid-latitude glaciers by stabilizing the ongoing deterioration of the facility and enable the collection of new cores. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will help to invent, develop, and promote transfer to the private sector of measurement devices to serve special national needs as it relates to climate analytics, earth system modeling, environmental geochemistry, geological sciences, glacier dynamics, ice core paleoclimatology, and remote sensing.

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.

Sincerely,



Joyce Beatty
Member of Congress