

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

May 2, 2025

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 Commercial Vehicle Research and Development Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is The Ohio State University, located at 15 East 15th Avenue, Fifth Floor, Columbus, OH 43201.

The funding would be used to purchase equipment to support research, development and validation, and education of advanced vehicle technologies with a focus on the connectivity, automation, cybersecurity, and efficiency of commercial vehicles, including passenger and freight vehicles. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide students and businesses unprecedented, hands-on experiential and research opportunities that will support the medium- and heavy-duty market and supply chain, promote U.S. competitiveness, and drive regional economic development in the mobility sector.

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