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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the UW CASCADE project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Washington, located at 301 Gerberding Hall, Seattle, Washington 98195.

The funding would be used to establish an open, automated hub that brings one-of-a-kind instruments and robotics under one roof, enabling teams to develop and test ideas faster. It will accelerate discovery, expand access for startups and partners, and train students using the same tools used in industry and national labs. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will strengthen Washington's innovation economy by developing a shared-use, automated "make-and-measure" facility in UW's new Chemical Sciences Building.

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,



PRAMILA JAYAPAL
Member of Congress