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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 House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Georgia Critical Mineral Supply Chain Manufacturing Demonstration Center in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Georgia Institute of Technology, located at North Avenue Atlanta, GA 30332. The funding would be used for the establishment of a center to advance critical mineral supply chains in the United States. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this project will streamline the advancement of technologies that can lower cost for extraction and processing of these critical minerals that are vital to the economic prosperity of our state and nation. With the fast-growing demands for energy dominance, national security, critical energy minerals and materials (CEM) that are important for the high-tech industry, such as rare earth elements (REEs), battery metals (e.g., Graphite, Li, Co, and Ni), or Nuclear materials such as uranium and thorium (e.g., uraninite, coffinite or beauxite) are facing tremendous challenges with high demand, low domestic resources/production, and heavy reliance on imports. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under section 272 of title 15, United States Code. I certify that neither I nor my immediate family have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Earl L. "Buddy" Carter  
Member of Congress