Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for \$215,000 in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Center for Education Integrating Science Mathematics, and Computing (CEISMC) at the Georgia Tech Savannah campus at 210 Technology Circle Savannah, GA 31407.

The funding would be used for the Center for Education Integrating Science Mathematics, and Computing (CEISMC) at the Georgia Tech Savannah campus.

The four military bases located within Georgia's 1st Congressional district house not only members of our military branches, but also their families. Children, specifically those that are school aged, can sometimes have difficulty adjusting to recent moves and may perform lower in school than their non-military peers. While many military bases have high-quality programs specifically for school aged children, such as STARBASE, we feel that the Center for Education Integrating Science Mathematics, and Computing (CEISMC) at the Georgia Tech Savannah campus can offer unique opportunities and trainings in our areas of expertise surrounding STEM and STEAM. Specifically, participation in clubs, organizations, and competition-based teams can help military children feel more connected to their peers, and often results in better performance in school overall. CEISMC currently manages at the state level both a robotics competition, First Lego League, and invention-based competition, K12 InVenture Prize, and proposes to further integrate these programs into the four military bases located within Georgia's 1st Congressional district. This will be accomplished by developing and delivering professional development to partners within each military installation, providing materials and supplies needed to participate in the competitions, and hosting regionally specific competitive events. Students who participate in these competitions will gain real-world STEM/STEAM knowledge that better prepares them for the next stage in life.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely, Member of Congress

Sincerely,

Earl L. "Buddy" Carter Member of Congress