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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
2413 Rayburn HOB  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Advancing Urban Resilience through Integrated Remote Sensing and Immersive (AR/VR) Technologies Program in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is NYU Tandon School of Engineering, located at 1 MetroTech Center, 19th Floor Brooklyn, NY 11201. NYU Tandon School of Engineering seeks funding to purchase technologies to support research and establish a hub in Brooklyn. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will create data to share with local government agencies while building tools to prepare local communities for emergency preparedness purposes..

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Hakeem Jeffries".

HAKEEM JEFFRIES  
Member of Congress