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Subcommittee on Defense

April 30, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
2207 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
2413 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Rochester Quantum Network (RoQNET) in fiscal year 2026.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Rochester Institute of Technology, located at One Lomb Memorial Dr., Rochester, NY 14623.

The funding would be used to jointly develop an experimental infrastructure designed to assess secure quantum communication networks that rely upon quantum encryption: a priority for national security. In addition to secure communications, quantum technologies create potential for enormous leaps in crucial scientific and strategic areas such as sensing, imaging, AI, computing. This project will help the US maintain its leadership in quantum science & technology and ensure that the US captures the strategic, economic & scientific benefits of operational quantum systems. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will help develop the technology and facilities that will be key to the future success of SMART I-Corridor Tech Hub aimed at strengthening US economic and national security. The SMART I-Corridor was chosen as representing a region and technical area which has the potential to become globally competitive in the technologies and industries of the future.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph D. Morelle".

Joseph D. Morelle
Member of Congress