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May 10, 2024

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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515


Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for AI-Enabled Robotics for Social Good in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is San Diego State University, located at 5500 Campanile Drive, San Diego, CA 92182. The funding would be used to create an inclusive artificial intelligence (AI) programming training center to democratize the use of AI models for social good. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will transform the approach to developing trustworthy AI and integrate fundamental societal values in AI-enabled robotics. This application of AI technology is an ambitious innovation that could result in companion and collaborative robots that help us be more productive in any task requiring social intelligence.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized 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,


Sara Jacobs
Member of Congress