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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Mitigating Wildfire Smoke Impacts for the Desert Research Institute (DRI) in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Board of Regents on behalf of the Nevada System of Higher Education, located at 755 East Flamingo Rd, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119.

The purpose of the project is to enable DRI to partner with NASA to utilize satellite technology combined with AI to mitigate risks associated with wildland fire smoke in Las Vegas and across Nevada.

This is a responsible use of taxpayer funds because, as wildland fires grow in frequency and severity, the dangers to public health and safety have increased exponentially. This project will work to better track, map, and forecast fires and smoke.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided advances the purposes described in section 20102 of title 51, United States Code.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Dina Titus
Member of Congress