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The Honorable Tom Cole
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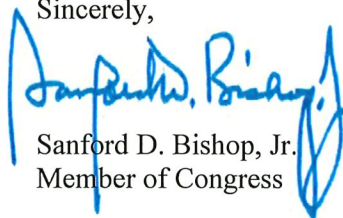
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Columbus State University Drone Innovation Pavillion project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Columbus State University, which is located at 4225 University Ave, Columbus, GA 31907. The funding would be used for creating a drone pavilion that would be used to create a space for students, researchers, and industry to develop and test new drone technologies; host regional and national drone competitions; and provide educational and job-training opportunities for students in the area. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will support curriculum aligned coursework, competitive drone leagues, K-12 outreach, and interdisciplinary research spanning robotics, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, and computer engineering.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,



Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.
Member of Congress