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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations,  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations,  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Southwest Research Institute's Westside Environmental Sensor Tracking and Information Reporting (WESTAIR) System in Fiscal Year 26. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Southwest Research Institute, located at 6220 Culebra Rd. San Antonio, Texas 78238. The funding will be used to place air quality monitors around specific areas in San Antonio and analyze the resulting data which will be published in a public website. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will allow researchers and residents to better understand air quality fluctuations in San Antonio neighborhoods.

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,



Joaquin Castro  
Member of Congress