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The Honorable Tom Cole
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for AI for Rural Competitiveness (ARC) in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is East Carolina University located at 1000 E Fifth St, Greenville, NC, 27858. The funding would be used for creating regional, standards driven data and AI infrastructure. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because its development of standardized data frameworks, interoperability models, privacy preserving synthetic data methods, and AI model evaluation tools will inform national best practices in rural data science.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gregory F. Murphy".

Gregory F. Murphy, M.D.

Member of Congress