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The Hon. Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
2207 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Hon. Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
2413 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the UW-Madison Entrepreneurship Science Lab's Statistical Analysis for Rapid Commercialization of University Ideas and Research (STARCUIR) project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is:

University of Wisconsin-Madison
163 Bascom Hall
500 Lincoln Drive
Madison, WI 53706

The funding would be used to generate new research at UW-Madison that can be applied to increase the number of economically impactful companies formed in Madison and across the state of Wisconsin by students and recent graduates of UW-Madison. Specifically, the research will generate new data science and statistical research methods that will seek to discover new ways to facilitate the more rapid commercialization of university-originated ideas and technologies, including those in fields such as automation, electronics, advanced materials, biotechnology, and optical technologies. This project is an appropriate use of federal funds because it supports data and statistical research development to help bring innovative scientific and technological research projects at UW-Madison to market by optimizing methods for commercialization of university research.

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,

Mark Pocan
Member of Congress