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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

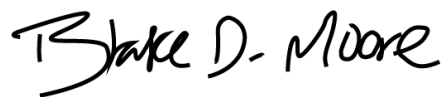
I am requesting funding for the University of Utah Rare Earth Elements and Critical Mineral Research Equipment project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is University of Utah. The funding would be used to stand up a testbed to research, develop, and evaluate technologies related to the extraction and processing of critical minerals and rare earth elements.

The investment in the University of Utah Rare Earth Elements and Critical Mineral Research Equipment project represents a valuable use of taxpayer funds because improving the supply and manufacturing of U.S. critical minerals secures the domestic supply chain for defense and energy technology, reduces reliance on foreign adversaries, and spurs economic growth.

This project has a Federal nexus because it is for purposes authorized in section 272 of title 15, United States Code.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Congressman Blake D. Moore (UT-01)
Member of Congress