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May 2, 2025

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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Lithium-Ion Battery Fire Safety Study in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Desert Research Institute, located at 755 E. Flamingo Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89119. The funding would be used to conduct a study aimed at enhancing LIB safety by reducing fire risks and hazardous exposures during LIB use and recycling as well as providing firefighters with effective fire suppression strategies and proper personal protection. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because fire safety remains a critical concern in the manufacturing, use, and recycling of LIBs.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susie Lee".

Susie Lee
Member of Congress