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Congress of the United States
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March 12th, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the University of Kentucky Graphite Manufacturing and Characterization Program – Phase II in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Kentucky Center for Applied Energy Research located at 2540 Research Park Drive Lexington, KY 40511.

The funding would be used to purchase equipment for analytical characterization and prototype manufacturing of graphite.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will accelerate domestic production of graphite, offering both positive economic impacts and reducing national security risks.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized 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 blue ink that reads "Andy Barr". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Andy Barr

Member of Congress