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## **Congress of the United States** House of Representatives

March 23, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman 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 Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Mission Control Simulator Acquisition in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Challenger Learning Center of Northwest Indiana, Inc., located at 2300 173<sup>rd</sup> Street, Hammond, Indiana 46323.

The funding would be used for the purchase and installation of a new Mission Control Simulator. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because of the educational development inherent in the STEM programs served through this equipment and technology acquisition, as offered by the Challenger Learning Center of Northwest Indiana.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for the purposes described in section 20102 of title 51, United States Code.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Frank J. Mrvan Member of Congress

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