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March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for a quantum-protected cybersecurity network project to secure Long Island's power grid infrastructure in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is State University of New York Stony Brook University, located at 100 Nicolls Road, Stony Brook, New York 11794.

The funding would be used for the deployment of quantum key distribution hardware and post-quantum cryptography software at five strategic fiber-connected nodes across Long Island and Brooklyn, the acquisition of fiber and data center infrastructure, machine learning and distributed artificial intelligence servers for network security monitoring, network-ready power monitoring and measuring equipment, and personnel costs including engineers, postdoctoral researchers, and graduate students.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it maximizes prior federal and state investments in New York's quantum internet infrastructure — home to the nation's longest entangled quantum network — to address a pressing national security vulnerability in Long Island's aging power grid. This project will produce the first operational, quantum-safe communications network protecting a power grid in the United States, serving as a scalable national model for securing critical energy infrastructure against current and emerging cyber threats, while creating high-skilled jobs and protecting residents, hospitals, and small businesses from the risks of grid failures.

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,



Nick LaLota
Member of Congress