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May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
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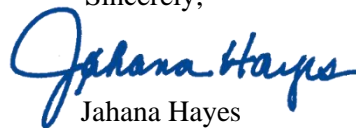
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for QCT Connect in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is QuantumCT located at 470 James Street, Suite 9, New Haven, CT 06513. The funding would be used to develop a robust pipeline for transferring quantum talent and innovation to industries in Connecticut such as aerospace, biotech, fintech, and advanced manufacturing. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would position Connecticut as a national hub for quantum technology, application, and workforce development. The project includes four high-impact initiatives to achieve this: (1) Workforce Development; (2) Community Education and Engagement; (3) Quantum Technology Collaboration; and (4) Student Internships. NIST funding is critical to ensuring Connecticut competes in the rapidly advancing quantum economy. Quantum technologies are already beginning to reshape global industries — from pharmaceuticals and finance to national security — and early leadership will determine which regions will attract talent, capital, and companies. With world-class research institutions, a robust industrial base, and an emerging statewide strategy, Connecticut has the core ingredients to lead — but lacks the dedicated infrastructure and personnel to fully activate its potential.

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,


Jahana Hayes
Member of Congress