Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting $4 million in funding for Wright Patterson Regional Council of Governments in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Wright Patterson Regional Council of Governments, located at 44 W. Hebble Avenue, Fairborn, OH 45324.

The project provides initial funding for the Wright Patterson Regional Council of Governments, the members of which are the communities surrounding Wright Patterson Air Force Base, including the Cities of Beavercreek, Dayton, Fairborn, Huber Heights and Riverside, and Bath Township. Funding would be used to perform studies, evaluations, and programs for the purpose of economic development planning and support to small businesses in the communities surrounding the installation. This is an urgent and widely recognized community need.

The project is anticipated to provide substantial local and regional benefits to small businesses that interact with the base and to enhance economic opportunities in the vicinity of the base as and the quality of life for the men and woman who serve there as well as their neighbors. Wright-Patterson Air Force Base is the largest single site employer in the State of Ohio with more than 30,000 workers. The project is intended to increase opportunities for economic development improvements that will take advantage of this major work center. These benefits will assist in both retaining and adding jobs inside the fence but allow for new and continued growth of small businesses outside the fence.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Turner
Member of Congress