



## Congress of the United States House of Representatives

March 20, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Responsible AI + Quantum-Ready Research Computing Center project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Marquette University, located at West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53233.

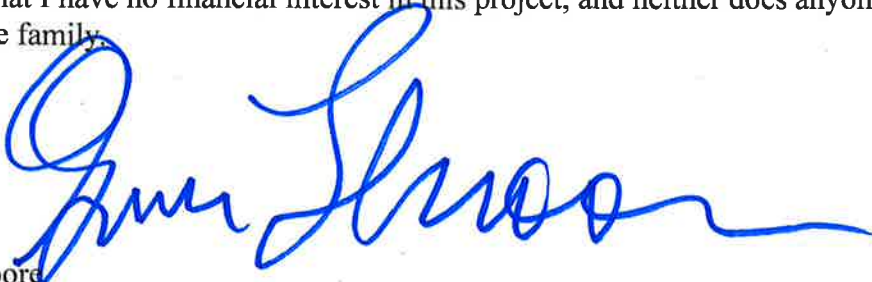
The funding would be used for the acquisition of advanced computing equipment. The proposed system will contain 125 CPU nodes and 6 GPU servers containing 48 combined GPUs, which are twice as many as the existing system. This equipment will provide cutting edge cyberinfrastructure to accelerate discovery and innovation and will support about 60 research groups at Marquette and Medical College of Wisconsin and more than 300 researchers. It will also facilitate undergraduate and graduate instruction of computationally intensive and data-oriented courses and support training of an AI-ready workforce by supporting more than 30 courses per academic year that focus on AI and advanced simulations, leading to the training of over 3000 students with these skills over the next 5 years.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because advanced computing is a national priority. University-level High Performing Computer systems serve as critical feeder infrastructure for this national strategy, enabling early-stage research, training, and innovation that flow into federal agencies, industry, and national laboratories. By giving researchers, students, and partners access to advanced AI, HPC, and quantum-simulation tools, this project will accelerate research and innovation, high-skill jobs, and competitive startups that fuel economy.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with, and supportive of, NIST's mission and aligned with one or more of the functions and activities 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gwen Moore". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Gwen Moore  
Member of Congress