April 29, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chair  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1016 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the construction of the Aerospace Institute for Research (AIR) in Fiscal Year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Campus, located at Post Street, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico 00681-9000.

The purpose of this project is to fund the construction of a 12,000 square foot annex at the University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Campus, to be known as the AIR. This building will house research and development laboratories, and related support facilities. The AIR would support academic and private investment by contributing to the preparation of students and faculty in the field of aerospace, as well as maintain a supply of professionals to work in this and similar STEM-related industries. It would promote innovation in areas of advance and applied sciences and improve overall U.S. competitiveness.

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

Sincerely,

Jennifer González-Colón  
Member of Congress