

BRIAN HIGGINS
26TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH
SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRADE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SECURITY

COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET

REGIONAL WHIP

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3226

2459 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515
(202) 225-3306
(202) 226-0347 (FAX)

726 EXCHANGE STREET
SUITE 601
BUFFALO, NY 14210
(716) 852-3501
(716) 852-3929 (FAX)

800 MAIN STREET
SUITE 3C
NIAGARA FALLS, NY 14301
(716) 282-1274
(716) 282-2479 (FAX)
higgins.house.gov

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
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 Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Multiscale Testing of Mission-Critical Infrastructure Under Extreme Winds project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Research Foundation for SUNY on behalf of the University of Buffalo, located at UB Commons Ste 211, 65 Lee Rd., Amherst, NY 14228.

The funding would be used to purchase, install, and deploy instruments inside an existing wind tunnel designed to reproduce the complex wind fields associated with extreme wind events such as hurricanes, tornados, thunderstorm downbursts, and blizzards and characterize the wind-induced loadings on mission-critical infrastructure, such as long-span bridges, fuel-storage facilities, and tall buildings to enable improved modeling, analysis, and design, and efficient, cost-effective construction. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because these outcomes would benefit all Western New Yorkers and those who experience severe weather events.

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,



Brian Higgins
Member of Congress