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To Whom It May Concern,

As the Co-Chairman of the Michigan Aerospace and Defense Caucus, I am happy to reach out to you and inform you of some significant developments happening in Michigan. Specifically, in the ever-growing and expanding field of Aerospace and Defense and Artificial Intelligence. Michigan is one of the nation's leaders in the development, manufacturing, testing, and implantation of advanced solutions for our ever-evolving and changing world.

Detect-It was founded in 2020 to serve US business with Artificial Intelligence Technology. Detect-It Technology has been a game changer for Michigan/global businesses and provides them with innovative industry 4.0 solutions. Detect-It is a Michigan-based company with its artificial intelligence software being developed in Oak Park, Michigan, and not in other states. Detect-It has won the 2021 Automotive News Pace Pilot Award and most recently helped the Magna Seating Division win the \$2 million prize for 2024 Technology of the Year at its Global Leadership Conference held in Austin, TX. Detect-It is on the cusp of becoming a global Artificial Intelligence solutions provider and wishes to start scaling its operations in Michigan to provide support in the Aerospace, Defense, and Education sectors. Its defect detection and assembly verification technology will help Aerospace and Defense companies eliminate manufacturing defects and ensure the assembly quality of all parts going out their doors.

Detect-It is planning to work with Michigan-based integrators to help scale up their operations and provide the necessary support. Detect-It wishes to immediately help the children and the residents of Michigan by utilizing its Artificial Intelligence Technology to help create Zone Security, Threat Detection, and emergency alerts.

Currently, Detect-It is actively being recruited to relocate its operations to Colorado and Virginia. In order to scale its operations in Michigan, Detect-It will need \$4.95 Million to hire 10-15 high-wage employees, acquire the necessary infrastructure updates, and expand/acquire the necessary building space.

AI Technology is critical now more than ever as large public gatherings are becoming increasingly unsafe and the demand for 100% quality part verification is increasing among the Aerospace and Defense companies. As Chairman of the Aerospace and Defense caucus, I will work to address the needs of Detect-It to help facilitate its broad use in Michigan, around the U.S., and the world by:

- Advocating for matching funds for Aerospace and Defense industry investment if they meet all contingent criteria.
- Helping facilitate the hiring of highly talented, high-wage, salaried employees when necessary.
- Sponsoring industry-specific legislation as needed.
- Providing grant letters and letters of support from myself and fellow caucus members when necessary.
- Aiding, when and if possible, in obtaining state and city of Detroit contracts and grants.

We believe that the goals of Detect-It are consistent with the mission and interests of the Aerospace Defense Caucus and encourage you to investigate its feasibility for yourself. Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to my office at (517) 373-0994.

Sincerely,

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