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The Honorable Tom Cole

Chairman

House Committee on Appropriations

Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro

Ranking Member

House Committee on Appropriations

Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Community College of Aurora Center for Applied Science and Technology – Expanding Critical Workforce Training Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Community College of Aurora, located at 16000 E. CentreTech Parkway, Aurora, CO, 80011. The funding would be used to purchase essential equipment for STEM labs, an HVAC Mobile Lab, additional tools for the expanding heavy equipment and trucking technician program, and a Concrete and Soil Mechanics Mobile Lab for construction management. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because in a rapidly evolving job market, it is crucial for the workforce to develop new skills to remain competitive. The college's career-aligned pathways and industry certifications equip students with the skills that employers demand. The proposed equipment purchases will prepare students for immediate employment and meet the skill needs of employers in high-demand, high-wage industries, including engineering, construction, and HVAC. The project will expand career-focused training, equipping local students – from high school to adults - with the industry skills, certifications, and knowledge needed to enter the workforce.

The project has federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Jason Crow

Member of Congress