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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the *Renovate to Innovate: Creating a Modern Advanced Skills Workforce Training Center for the Future* project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Howard College, located at 3501 U.S. Highway 67, San Angelo, Texas 76905. The funding would be used to renovate and modernize existing facilities at the West Texas Training Center to expand workforce training capacity, including updated classrooms, labs, testing centers, and critical infrastructure improvements. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it strengthens workforce development, supports economic growth in rural and underserved communities, and helps meet critical labor shortages by preparing individuals for high-demand careers across multiple industries.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under **42 U.S.C. § 5305(a)(2) and (4)**, which permit the use of funds for public facilities and improvements and activities that support economic development, including workforce training infrastructure that benefits low- and moderate-income communities.

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

Sincerely,



August Pfluger
Member of Congress

