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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0545

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

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for a NextGen Workforce Hub in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is California State University, Fullerton, located at 2600 Nutwood Avenue, Fullerton, CA 92831.

The funding would be used for specialized, industry-grade equipment acquisition and the creation of a NextGen Workforce Hub that will serve as a center for research, education, advanced technical skills, and hands-on learning on current and emerging technologies. This hub is designed to propel Fullerton, California, and the surrounding areas into a future marked by innovation, technological competitiveness, and industry partnership. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this investment will support California State University Fullerton in developing the next generation of innovative U.S. engineers, cybersecurity professionals, artificial intelligence practitioners, and advanced manufacturing workers. This center not only seeks to close the current skills gap but also aims to elevate Orange County as a global leader in advanced computer and artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, advanced manufacturing, and health technology.

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,



Derek T. Tran
Member of Congress