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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Peralta Community College (PCCD) Manufacturing and Fabrication Pathway (FabLab) in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Peralta Community College District, located at 333 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland, CA 94606.

The funding would be used to build the capacity of PCCD's FabLab facilities, which provide students with access to the tools and experience required for successful digital fabrication careers. Funding will be used to purchase state-of-the-art equipment and implement structured training programs for students to enhance their skills in digital fabrication techniques to prepare them for future high-demand careers in fields such as manufacturing, construction, biomedical, and health care.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because PCCD provides a workforce pathway to students in high-demand manufacturing careers, which has a positive economic impact on the community, region and country. Furthermore, the project helps to bolster the workforce by training and feeding skilled workers who are prepared to meet the demands of the modern manufacturing industry.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,

Lateefah Simon  
Member of Congress