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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for McHenry County College for the Learning Commons Project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is McHenry County College, located at 8900 US Highway 14, Crystal Lake, IL 60012-2761.

The funding would be used for the final phase of renovating its library into an innovative Learning Commons that will support collaborative learning and provide students with immediate access to cutting-edge technology and digital resources. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the renovated space will reduce barriers for students without access to advanced technology at home, extend facility access to the broader community, encourage social interaction, and create a hub to develop information literacy skills.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with 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,



Bill Foster
Member of Congress