

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
2207 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

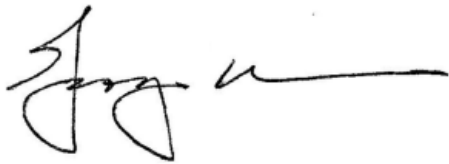
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Antelope Valley Workforce Development and Pre-Apprentice Training Center in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Antelope Valley Union High School District, located at 176 Holston Drive, Lancaster, California, 93535. The funding would be used to support establishing a permanent workforce training campus that addresses the region's 8.2% unemployment rate and 18.5% poverty rate. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because this investment will strengthen regional workforce pipelines in critical sectors including healthcare, construction, and manufacturing supporting economic growth and expanding access to living-wage employment for underserved communities.

The project has a 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,



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**George Whitesides (CA27)**  
**Member of Congress**