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Chairman Tom Cole
2207 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro
2413 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the SUNY Erie Workforce Satellite: Buffalo Urban League Campus project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Erie Community College, located at 121 Ellicott Street, Buffalo, New York 14203. The funding would be used to support the development of a workforce training satellite campus on Buffalo's East Side, including the buildout of instructional space, classrooms, and hands-on training environments within the Buffalo Urban League's facility at 1147 Jefferson Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14208.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it expands access to construction-related workforce training for low- and moderate-income residents of Buffalo's East Side who face barriers to education and employment in the skilled trades. By co-locating training within a trusted community-based organization, the project connects underserved residents to in-demand construction careers where average wages approach \$60,000, addresses regional labor shortages, and creates pathways to stable, middle-income employment. The investment strengthens the local economy and supports long-term economic mobility in one of Buffalo's most economically disadvantaged neighborhoods.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2) and 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

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

Sincerely,

Timothy M. Kennedy
Member of Congress