

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

May 10, 2024

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 University at Buffalo in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University at Buffalo, located at 501 Capen Hall, Buffalo, NY 14260. The funding would be used for a new Center of Excellence in Cross-Border Supply Chain Management that will leverage partnerships with manufacturing and logistics companies, healthcare organizations, nonprofits, service organizations, and the entrepreneurship ecosystem in the region to catalyze WNY communities as a hub for cross-border economic activity.

This project is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will stimulate new business opportunities in the region. Such capabilities will enable small and medium-sized companies to grow their footprints, thus generating much-needed economic growth. This project will capitalize on Buffalo-Niagara's immediate proximity to Canada, specifically the Southern Ontario region that serves as Canada's largest economic driver.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for activities consistent with, and supportive of, NIST's mission and aligned with one or more of the functions and activities 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy M. Kennedy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Timothy M. Kennedy  
Member of Congress