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March 19, 2026

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 Daemen University in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Daemen University, located at 4380 Main Street, Amherst, New York 14226. The funding would be used for the Health Professions AI Technology Training Program to support the integration of artificial intelligence into health sciences curricula and the modernization of on-campus health professions laboratories.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it represents a strategic investment in the future of health professions education and positions Daemen University — and the United States — at the forefront of AI-infused medical training. The program will support faculty-led research and development into best practices for incorporating AI into health sciences curricula, with the goal of establishing a national standard in partnership with NIST. Funding will also support long-overdue upgrades to primary health sciences laboratories on campus, ensuring students train in safe, modern facilities equipped with industry-standard technology.

Western New York faces persistent healthcare workforce shortages, and this project will help address that gap by preparing the next generation of health professionals for data-driven clinical environments. The work done at Daemen has the potential to serve as a replicable model for health professions institutions across New York State and the nation.

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".

Timothy M. Kennedy
Member of Congress