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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-305, 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 the Vocational Training Program Expansion in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Laredo College, located at 1 West End Washington Street, Laredo, Texas 78040. The funding would be used to renovate and equip classrooms and labs for high-demand workforce programs such as plumbing technology, construction management, and court reporting. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it expands access to career-focused education, addresses regional labor shortages, and supports economic development in South Texas.

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,



Henry Cuellar, Ph.D.
U.S. Congressman
28th District of Texas