

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

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
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 Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Texas A&M International University – Laredo College STEM Connector in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Texas A&M International University, located at 5201 University Boulevard, Laredo, TX 78041. The funding would be used to develop congruent engineering curriculum between Texas A&M International University and Laredo College and establish a graduate certificate in Systems Engineering. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will develop a diverse workforce that can address national technological challenges and catalyze economic growth in the South Texas border region.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for the purposes described in section 20102 of title 51, 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 "Henry Cuellar". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Henry" and last name "Cuellar" clearly distinguishable.

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