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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Bristol Community College's Artificial Intelligence Innovation Laboratory in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Bristol Community College, located at 777 Elsbree Street, Fall River, MA, 02720. The funding would be used to establish an Artificial Intelligence Innovation Laboratory at its Fall River campus as a workforce and economic development initiative serving Massachusetts' 4th Congressional District and the broader South Coast region.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Innovation Laboratory will expand equitable access to applied AI technologies for students, faculty, and regional community members of Massachusetts' 4th Congressional District while strengthening the regional workforce pipeline. It will expand capacity for workforce-aligned STEM education; support reskilling and upskilling of incumbent workers; strengthen partnerships with regional employers; increase access to high-wage technology sectors; and enhance transfer and career advancement pathways. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,

Jake Auchincloss
Member of Congress

